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Something to think about.

The Moon is apx 4 times smaller than the Earth, so how come in all the NASA images of earth from the Moon does the earth never appear any larger than the Moon looks from Earth? Mmmm.

'PUT IN OUR PLACE' AGAIN...

This issue's opening shout is one of approval and disappointment.

It has been several years since a series of British-made UFO documentaries has been produced and aired on national television, but when we were approached by Firefly Productions in the spring with a view to helping produce a series of programmes that would tackle some of this country's top UFO events, we thought this sounds interesting and agreed to help where we could.

When the original content suggestions were proposed I must admit I was not that overly impressed.

It seemed we would be presented with a rehash of much that had gone before not once but many times and thought that the viewing public might be caught in a 'not this again' scenario.

I don't think I was wrong.

Steve Johnson does an in-depth review of the series in this issue, but something that stood out a mile in my eyes is, I think, worth mentioning here.

The first two episodes featured the Berwyn Mountains and Broadhaven Triangle cases from the 1970s and 80s. During both these episodes, the programme-makers let the witnesses, mainly members of the general public, have their say and concluded both shows leaving the viewer pondering whether or not the witnesses were describing real events or some misidentified natural phenomenon.

Then the series presented Alan Godfrey's encounter from 1980 and basically had the viewer believing their expert witnesses' testimony to the fact that Alan had encountered the planet Venus and that it was the same Venus that created the whirlpool arrangement of leaves etc in the exact spot where Alan

observed, witnessed, drew and tried to report via two radio systems. They even had the audacity to suggest that the death of Polish immigrant miner, Zygmund Adamski, some six months early, was, indeed, connected to Alan's later UFO encounter, something all researchers know that Alan has stated on the record many times that there was absolutely no connection between the two incidents.

In the last episode, the producers concentrated on Captain Ray Bowyer's close encounter whilst piloting a Trilander passenger plane over Guernsey in the spring of 2007.

Although a pilot with many years flying behind him and some eight or nine years flying the same route, the producers did everything in their power to have the viewer believe that it was they who had the answers and not Captain Bowyer.

My point in all this is that although members of the general public were not heavily challenged about what they saw and reported but when pilots and policemen start reporting close encounters and doing so through official channels, where a documented paper trail exists, then it was time to debunk their claims almost to ridicule.

Dr David Clarke featured in the series and was used as an expert on Radar on the Ray Bowyer case. Dr Clarke is a sociologist and a newspaper reporter and also a good UFO investigator, but to use him as a Radar expert was wrong.

In the first episode, the infamous Sharron Rowlands image filmed at Bonsall, Derbyshire, made headlines around the world after she claimed to have been offered £20,000 for it, was shown for the first time on television. Researcher Omar Fowler had seen the clip a couple of days after it was filmed and told *UFO Magazine* it was nothing special and looked like an aircraft once the image focussed.

The programme had an expert from London University tell the viewers it was a street lamp and even showed the outline of a post. Totally wrong conclusion, as the aircraft could be seen when the show ran the clip, but that was the only original video

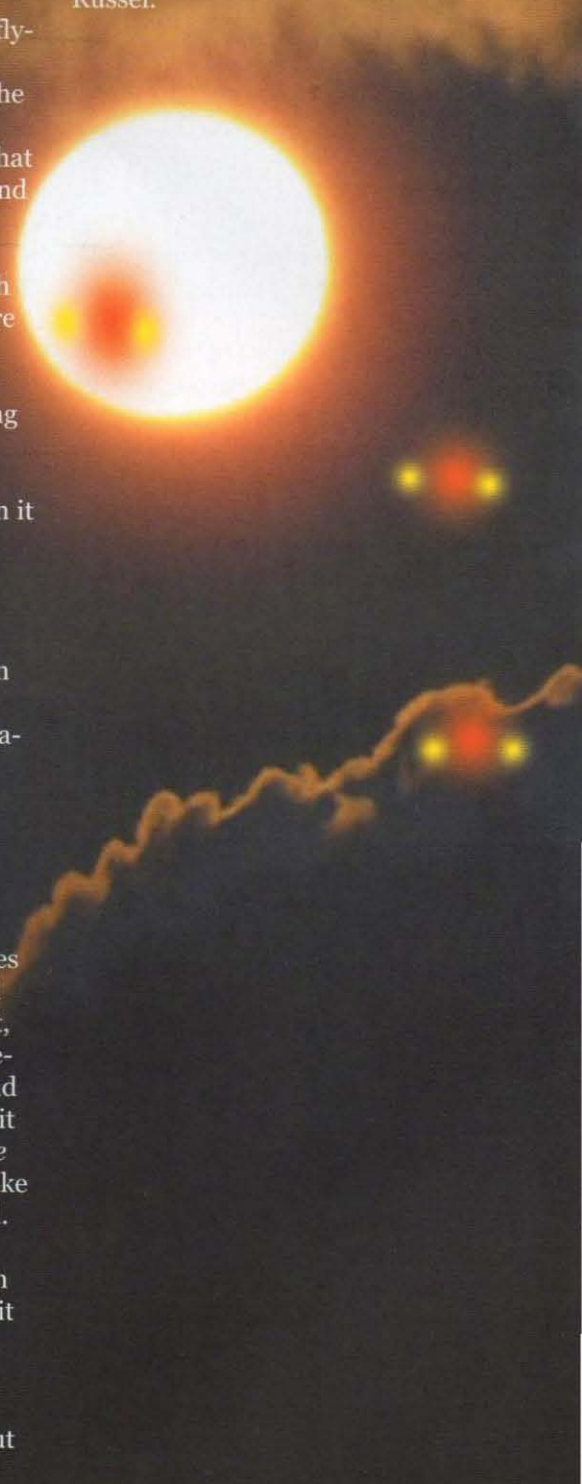
footage shown throughout the series. What a wasted opportunity to update the nation as to what is really happening around the UFO scene.

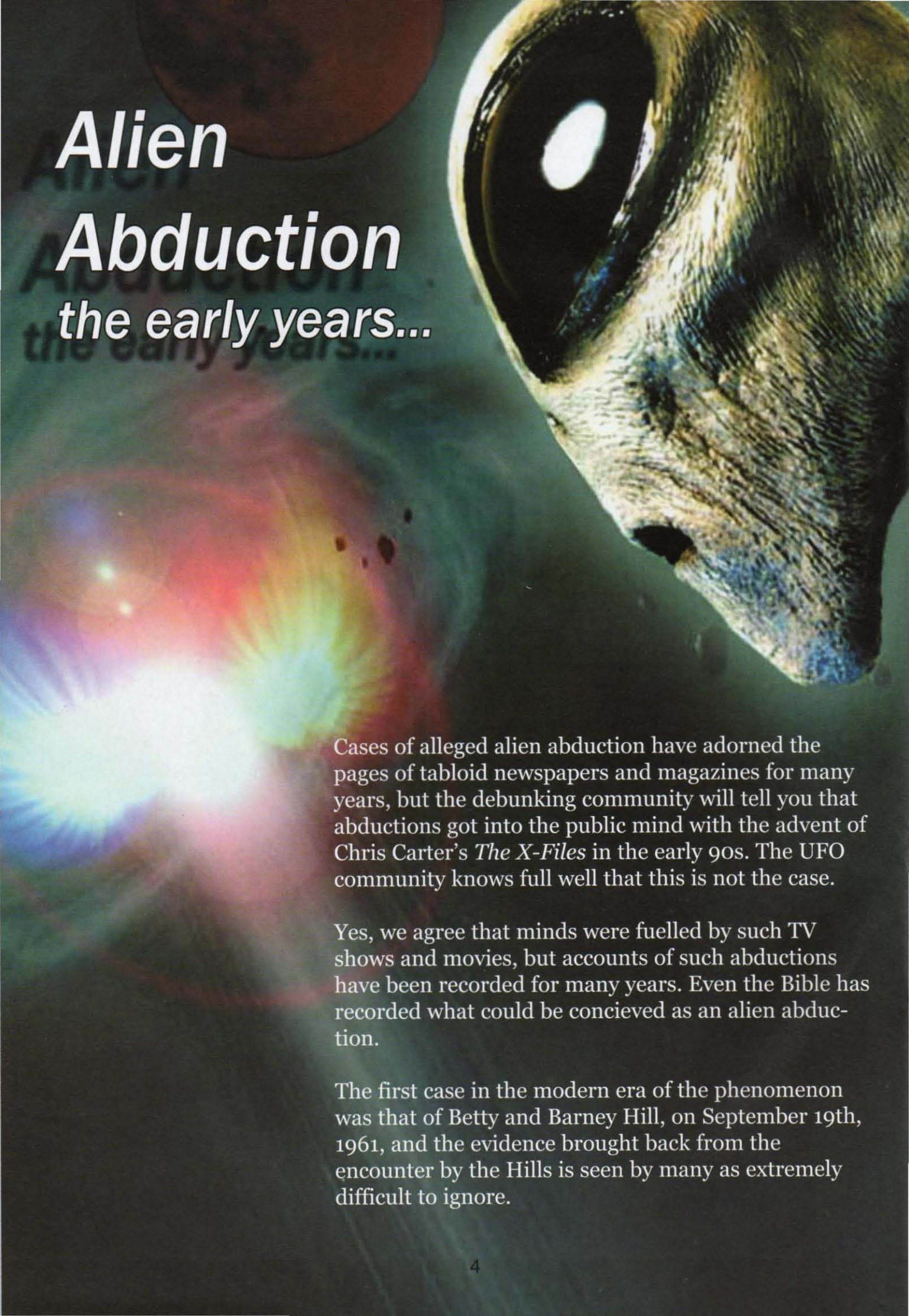
So all this leaves me leaning toward the conspiracy theorist corner, who will suggest the cover up is alive and well, and that, once again, our subject found it impossible to get a fair hearing ahead of the debunking community.

Nothing changes.

More on this later.

Russel.





Alien Abduction the early years...

Cases of alleged alien abduction have adorned the pages of tabloid newspapers and magazines for many years, but the debunking community will tell you that abductions got into the public mind with the advent of Chris Carter's *The X-Files* in the early 90s. The UFO community knows full well that this is not the case.

Yes, we agree that minds were fuelled by such TV shows and movies, but accounts of such abductions have been recorded for many years. Even the Bible has recorded what could be conceived as an alien abduction.

The first case in the modern era of the phenomenon was that of Betty and Barney Hill, on September 19th, 1961, and the evidence brought back from the encounter by the Hills is seen by many as extremely difficult to ignore.



The Abduction of Betty and Barney Hill

By Ronnie Millone

Although the alleged abduction by extraterrestrials of Betty and Barney Hill took place on September 19th, 1961, it would not be until 1966 that the case would reach public knowledge. And when it did, through a movie and a book, it set the tone for thousands of subsequent "abductions" with themes of medical experimentation, missing time and recollection through the use of hypnosis.

Betty and Barney were returning home from an extended weekend vacation in Niagara Falls and Canada. They had planned to spend the night in Montreal, but as they were searching for a motel on the outskirts of the city, Barney decided to drive on to New Hampshire. At some point along the route they heard that a hurricane was coming up the coast so they felt it was important to arrive home before the hurricane hit.

This meant that Barney would have to drive during the night. But they agreed that if he became tired they would stop at a motel.

Barney, who was accustomed to working the graveyard shift, had a good night's sleep the previous night and a pleasant day in Montreal. Because he felt refreshed and energetic he continued to drive on through New Hampshire's Wilderness and White Mountain regions. In the Groveton and Lancaster area, Betty spotted what, at first glance, appeared to be a

satellite or a shooting star, only it shot upward. As she watched it, the perplexing light increased in size and seemed to slowly descend in her direction. Finally, she told Barney about her observation and requested that he stop the car for a closer look.

Just south of Twin Mountain, through binoculars, she observed its unconventional appearance as it passed in front of the moon, flashing long points of multi-coloured light. When Barney viewed it through binoculars, it reminded him of a large aircraft coming in for a landing, only it was silent. Returning to their vehicle, they travelled on through the 10 miles or so of Franconia Notch, a narrow cutting through the mountains. Over the next several minutes, the object descended to a position just above the mountain tops, sometimes dropping down in front of the mountain peaks.

Barney halted the car momentarily from time to time to get a better look at the enigmatic craft and once pulled to the side of the road for an unencumbered observation. It was

then that he was able to notice the stair-step flight pattern, the rotation, the blue-white lights and the fact that it was completely silent, although it descended to approximately 1000 feet. Betty's description was identical to Barney's, allowing for individual differences in phraseology.

Then, only three miles south of the Franconia Notch, the object suddenly stopped spinning and shifted ahead of Betty and Barney. Barney stopped the car directly in the middle of the road and jumped out to look at the craft. The elliptical object was now hovering only 80-100 feet above the car and a red light parted from each side of it. Almost immediately, it left its position and, in a gliding motion, it shifted to an adjacent field.

Fascinated, Barney walked toward it and, through his binoculars, he observed 8 to 11 humanoid figures peering down at him.

Suddenly, with military precision, all but one moved toward what Barney thought was a control panel. Next, short, bat-like wings began to slide out from each side of the craft and something dropped down from its bottom. At that moment the figure in the window communicated a frightening message to Barney to stay there and just keep looking. He seemed to be losing the ability to carry out self-initiated action and this loss of control frightened him immensely. But he managed to pull the binoculars down from his eyes, breaking the strap in the process, and flee toward his vehicle, where Betty awaited his return.

As the object shifted overhead, the couple heard a series of code-like buzzing or electrical beeping sounds that caused the car to vibrate.

Betty craned her neck upward

Lonely Route 3 where the Hill's alleged encounter took place..



through the open passenger seat window in an attempt to locate the craft, but all she saw was blackness. The stars were blotted out and the bright sky had suddenly grown dark. Reasoning that she would see the brightly-illuminated UFO if it were overhead, she informed Barney that it had disappeared. Relieved that they were no longer in danger, Barney drove south on US Route 3.

Near Plymouth, NH, the couple saw a fiery, red-orange ball that Betty reasoned was the setting moon. Then, near Ashland, they heard a second series of buzzing & beeping sounds. Betty turned to Barney and asked, "Now do you believe in flying saucers?" He replied, "Don't be ridiculous." Barney stopped the car and then manoeuvred it erratically in a futile attempt to recreate the peculiar sound.

Betty and Barney were surprised to see that dawn was streaking the sky when they arrived home in Portsmouth, NH. Their watches had stopped, but they noted that their arrival time was later than anticipated, even allowing for slow driving and three observational stops.

Subsequently, they made many trips to the White Mountains to try to jog their memories and, over time, more and more details emerged. However, it wasn't until 1964, after undergoing several grueling months of hypnotherapy with Dr. Simon that their amnesia was penetrated and they were permitted to recall the forgotten events of September 20th, 1961.

We should add that Betty experienced a series of frightening dreams a couple of weeks after the initial close encounter. In those dreams, she and Barney were abducted by humanlike men who escorted them to a spaceship where they endured physical examinations and she



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engaged in an interview with the craft's leader.

This has always added a perplexing element to the story. Did Barney absorb Betty's dreams? This was Dr. Simon's hypothesis.

How did the authorities respond to the Hills' UFO sighting report?



This rare image shows the Hills undergoing Hypnotic regression.

On September 20th, 1961, Betty reported the sighting to a Newton, NH, police officer who advised her to make a formal report to Pease Air Force Base. Later, she stated in interviews that she placed her initial phone call to the 100th Bomb Wing at Pease the same evening, but the Air Intelligence

Information Report is dated 21st September.

She and Barney gave the interviewing officer a general description of the craft they had observed, but Barney omitted his observation of the humanoid figures fearing that he might be judged a "crackpot". Later that day, Major Paul W. Henderson phoned the Hills and questioned them extensively before transferring them to another location where their testimony was monitored.

The following day, he informed the Hills that he had been up all night working on the report and would require a few more details. He also informed them that the control tower had reported "a strange incident" at 2:14 AM on September 20th, which could hint of a possible relationship due to time and distance.

The initial project record card indicated that an object was observed through ground-visual and air intercept radar. However, this was altered in later reports and debunked as nothing more than a ground target due to strong temperature inversion.

Even the initial report stated that both the radar and visual sighting was probably due to an optical condition resulting from a strong inversion in the Lincoln, NH, area on the morning of the sighting. However,



the Mount Washington Weather Station's archival material for the evening of 9/19-20, 1961, refutes the information given by the Air Force. It seems that either the Air Force mishandled the Hills' report through incompetence or a cover-up was in process, almost immediately.

Who investigated the UFO report and subsequent abduction claim?

Three days after her close encounter with a UFO, Betty visited her local library in an attempt to gain additional information. She checked out *The Flying Saucer Conspiracy* by Major Donald Keyhoe, the director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP).

In the back of the book, UFO witnesses were instructed to write to NICAP's address to report a sighting. Betty wrote to NICAP and on October 21st, 1961, NICAP investigator, Walter Webb, initiated a preliminary investigation in a six hour interview at the Hills' home.

Over a period of several years, Webb conducted an extensive, meticulous investigation of the Hills' sighting. Additionally, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Dr. James McDonald, Robert Hohmann and C.D. Jackson, Dr. James Harder, Stanton Friedman, Karl Pflock and myself, to name a few, have engaged in the investigation of the Hill case.

There was substantial evidence to support the Hills' claim, including the scraped tops of Barney's dress

shoes, broken watches, 12-18 circular highly polished, silver dollar size spots on the trunk of their vehicle that caused a compass needle to spin and spin, only over the spots on the trunk and Betty's new dress that was badly torn and, later, became degraded by a pink, powdery substance that ruined it. The dress has undergone chemical and forensic analysis and the scientific reports appear in later reports.

Additionally, Dr. Simon instructed Betty, through posthypnotic suggestion to draw the star map that she reported seeing on board the alien craft, only if she could recreate it accurately.

The stars on the resulting star map were later identified through the painstaking, meticulous work of Marjorie Fish and underwent scientific review. Stanton Friedman discusses the star map investigation in chapters 22 and 23 of his book.

Finally, the Hills' individual testimony under hypnotic regression is subjected to a comparative analysis.

They were hypnotized separately and the posthypnotic suggestion for amnesia was enforced, so they were unable to remember even their own testimony under hypnosis. Therefore, one could not communicate information to the other that might contaminate their testimony. The only source of contamination could have been from "Betty's Dreams or Recall?" paper, written two months after the close encounter with an unconventional craft.

It was some months later when Dr. Simon slowly and carefully permitted the Hills to remember, and then hear, the statements they made during their hypnotic regression sessions.

Although Barney passed away in 1969, some years after the event, Betty lived a long life, born in 1919 she passed in 2004, never once suggesting that the encounter that her and her husband were submitted to back in September, 1961, was anything other than what they reported at the time.

A case of alien Abduction...

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Do They Really Know?

**Moonwalker Dr Edgar Mitchell
remains certain that aliens exist.
Does he have proof or is it just
speculation?**

Recently, the *Telegraph Online* published an article which featured the thoughts of Dr Edgar Mitchell, Apollo 14 moonwalker.

Ed has been quoted and has addressed many audiences with reference to the UFO and alien phenomena and is, by many, considered a key part of the proof that there is a government cover-up in place and has been for many years, suggesting that this deception started back in 1947 after the well-known events at Roswell, New Mexico, made it into the public domain.

Personally, I have to be wary of some of Ed's so-called evidence. He has been quoted as seeing photographic evidence presented to him by leading military personnel.

As a researcher, I have to say that much of the US Military evidence presented by retired officials is not as convincing as the spoken testimony it supposedly backs up.

Much like the work of Dr Steven Greer. A brilliant orator but sadly lacking in visual evidence to back the claims made.

I await the day that somebody like Ed Mitchell can persuade his highly-placed sources to publish and be damned.

But I find the following article interesting and a good source of information for those who are not so UFO clued up as we are...





and the global banking system.

From a world leader's point of view, it's therefore much easier to pretend that aliens don't exist. Rather harder to understand is why this should also be the aliens' point of view. Being evidently cleverer than us they might have a different way of doing things, but the whole (admittedly human) history of exploration and conquest suggests that when an advanced civilisation meets a less advanced civilisation, the advanced one quickly takes over.

To have reached our world, the aliens would have had to develop spacecraft of unimaginable sophistication and fly them from distant

galaxies. Why, having gone to the trouble, would they spend their time stooing around over abandoned farmhouses in the middle of Kansas, and abducting the cast of the *Jerry Springer Show*?

Prominent believers in alien existence offer a partial answer to this. Frank Drake, the founder of the California-based SETI (Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence), the foremost research institute in the field, contends that aliens are almost certainly well-intentioned.

"If they were bad, or aggressive in nature," he says, "the likelihood is that they would have already destroyed themselves in a nuclear war."

The aliens, according to this theory, are here to learn and observe, and their moral awareness of what might happen if they established a stronger presence compels them to remain discreet. "People always say: 'Why

don't they land in Downing Street or at Heathrow?'" says Malcolm Robinson, founder of Strange Phenomena Investigations, Britain's leading UFO-tracking group, "but imagine the consequences for our civilisation if something like that actually happened."

Too true; especially if the airport lost the aliens' baggage.

Like most ufologists, Robinson, a genial 49-year-old Scotsman, hesitates to guess the aliens' intentions.

"There's an incredible amount we just can't know," he says. "How do you explain things like abductions? Some people think they might be trying to repopulate a dying planet. Some think they put us here in the first place and are keeping an eye on our progress. All I know is that I came into this as a sceptic, and became a believer."

The latest *X-Files* movie - *I Want To Believe* - largely steers clear of the alien existence theories that ran through the cult 1990s TV show, presenting instead a complex character study of the two FBI agents, Fox Mulder (David Duchovny), and Dana Scully (Gillian Anderson) at the heart of the drama.

Yet, as last week's poll suggests, more people than ever *do* want to believe, and are prepared to risk their credibility in saying so.



Ed Mitchell, who holds the record for the longest moonwalk (nine hours, 17 minutes during the 1971 Apollo 14 mission) is a hero among believers

in aliens. He argues that the evidence of human-alien contact is now incontrovertible, and that only fear prevents governments from admitting it. Last week on a West Midlands radio

Do they really know?

The new *X-Files* movie has opened at a promising time, with a poll suggesting that more than 60 per cent of Britons believe in space aliens, and Edgar Mitchell, a renowned former NASA astronaut who once walked on the moon, claiming that they're already here.



Ed, 77, says he has it from unimpeachable sources that the aliens have been visiting us for some time, but that governments around the world are hushing the story up. They are afraid, he suggests, that if we knew the truth there would be mass panic and people might lose confidence in things like, oh, you know, the security of the oil supply

station, Mitchell went even further, claiming that the celebrated 1947 "Roswell Incident", when a spacecraft supposedly crashed in New Mexico, was the real thing.

The US military maintains that the "craft" was an experimental weather balloon, but around Roswell has grown a vast and fertile sub-culture of conspiracy theory, spawning numerous books, documentaries, movies and a lingering disbelief in official explanations.

"Within six months of Roswell, the CIA was formed, the National Security Act was passed, Harry Truman launched an official investigation into the UFO phenomenon, and the air force was separated from the army," says Joe Firmage, a Silicon Valley software entrepreneur who has spent millions of dollars on UFO research.

"And then all these technological advances started spilling out of the military-industrial complex - semi-conductors, microwaves, lasers, fibre optics, vertical take-off capability.

Is that all coincidence?"

In the UFO community "coincidence" is an important word. How can it be, believers ask, that so many accounts of alien encounters, from all over the world, have so many consistencies?

John Mack, a Harvard professor who risked his career to investigate the phenomenon of abductions, concluded after several years of study: "People with no opportunity to conclude gave accounts of remarkable similarity. From the interior configura-

tion of the spaceships to the design of medical instruments used by the aliens, the experiencers' descriptions tallied to an uncanny degree. I spent hundreds of hours with these people before, finally, I said 'Look, something is really going on here'."

What these experiencers tend to observe is an alien hierarchy in which the orderlies - known as "small greys" - act under the guidance of larger and more intelligent aliens known as the "doctors"

The small greys have large, pear-shaped heads, long arms with three or four long fingers, a thin torso, and spindly legs. They are hairless, with rudimentary nostrils, no ears and a small slit of a mouth. By far their most prominent features are huge, black eyes which curve upwards, tapering towards the back of the head.

Several of Mack's witnesses describe an "eye inside an eye", with the dark, outer cover acting as a goggle. The "doctors" are taller - most accounts put them at around 5ft - and appear to be older.

Impressive, too, is the physical evidence - notably the curious patterns of pinpricks, "scoop-marks" and cuts often found on abduction victims. In one case, noted Mack, the distinctive, geometric marks were found on a quadriplegic who could not have inflicted them himself. Two years ago, Mack was killed by a drunken driver in north London. The UFO community continues to buzz with suggestions that he was murdered.

There is a middle way of looking at the alien mystery. It is one adopted by Lord Rees, the Astronomer Royal and President of the Royal Society. He doesn't swallow the stories of flying saucers or little men with TV antennae growing out of their heads, but accepts the probability of life of some form existing somewhere - perhaps in many places - somewhere out in the vastness of space. To believe otherwise, he argues in his book *Our Cosmic Habitat*, would serve only to place us "alone in a vast uncaring cosmos".

The Vatican has adapted, 400 years



after Giordano Bruno, an Italian monk, was burnt at the stake for saying that the universe might contain other life forms, "the equal of ours". Fr Jose Funes, head of the Vatican observatory, guardedly accepted that there was "no conflict between the Catholic faith and belief in aliens".

This pragmatism comes from our growing grasp of the mind-boggling limitlessness of space. "We now know," says Edward Weller, head of NASA's science division, "that the number of stars in the universe is something like one followed by 23 zeros, and given that number how arrogant is it to think that ours is the only sun with a planet that supports life?"

The truth, as they say on *The X-Files*, is out there somewhere. Even if, in our search for intelligent life elsewhere, we sometimes forget how rare it is on earth.

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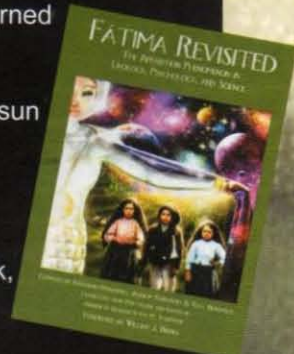


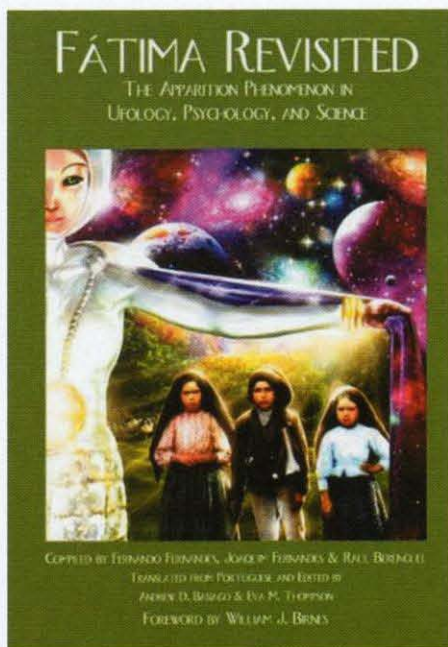
FATIMA REVISTITED

Fatima, Portugal. In 1917 three children claimed to have witnessed a vision. This vision turned out to be one of the most witnessed 'miracles' ever recorded.

A crowd of thousands watched as the sun appeared to 'dance in the sky'. Photographs were taken at the time.

So what really happened? SPI's Malcolm Robinson reviews a new book, *'Fatima Revisited'*.





FATIMA REVISITED

A review by Malcolm Robinson.

It's true to say that there are many books on the visions of the Virgin Mary and the Marion phenomenon doing the rounds just now, all of them equally detailing this subject. I can't of course vouch for those books, good though they may be, but what I can do is to tell you that if they are just half as good as this one, then they will be doing just fine.

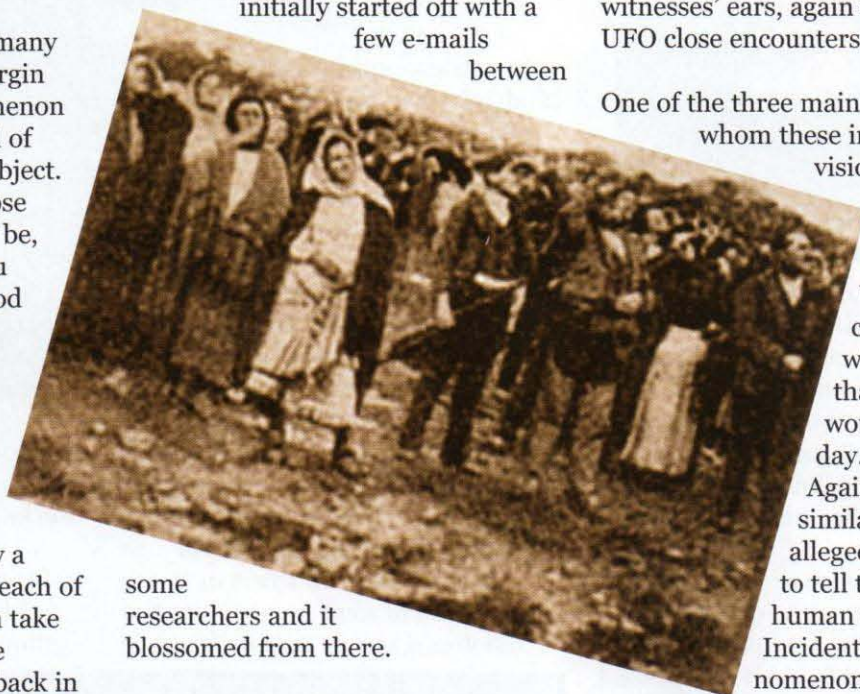
This book is different, very different; it's not your normal one author who has penned this work, no siree. This book has been written by a number of 'different authors' each of whom bring to bear their own take on what happened back in the Portuguese village of Fatima back in 1917. Or in other words, this is a compilation of essays each with their own author's spin, each providing a thought-provoking insight into the many and numerous alternative

explanations to account for what was seen on that eventful day.

For me as a reviewer, I found this a pleasant and welcome change to just the normal one-off explanation that is driven home by one singular author.

The essays/papers in this book have been 'peer reviewed' and have been gathered together by a group calling themselves 'Project Marion'. Project Marion is co-ordinated by CTEC (Centre for Transdisciplinary Studies In Consciousness), which is based at the University of Fernando Pessoa in Porto, Portugal.

This book also features a number of the world's top ufologists and their theories as to what happened at Fatima. This book is the third of a trilogy of books on this subject which initially started off with a few e-mails between



THE FATIMA INCIDENT.

On October 17th, 1917, an estimated 70,000 people gathered together at Fatima (a small town north of Lisbon in Portugal) to watch a phenomenon which some described as 'The Miracle of The Sun'. People saw numerous things, from a luminous ball of light, to the Virgin Mary, Jesus, Joseph and much more. A torrential downpour drenched all 70,000 people, however when this light phenomenon swooped down on the startled crowds, each and every one of the 70,000 crowd found that their clothes became instantly dry.

There was telepathic communication between the Virgin Mary and many of the witnesses which, by modern UFO comparisons, is quite similar. There was also a strange 'buzzing sound' which entered some of the witnesses' ears, again similar to some UFO close encounters.

One of the three main witnesses to whom these incredible visions occurred, Lucia, stated that this apparition, Virgin Mary, call it what you will, told her that World War 1 would end that day. It didn't! Again, something similar to what some alleged 'aliens' claim to tell their startled human witnesses. Incidentally, this phenomenon was witnessed from over 20 miles away!! And the light phenomenon was to some, quite painful. 'The images of saints were seen along the edges of the luminosity in the region produced by the ionization of the air'.

some researchers and it blossomed from there.

The discipline of ufology into Marion phenomenon is perhaps not that different when we look at what is described. The presence of another worldly 'being', bright lights, and other such phenomena are, to some degree, pretty much the same as this book shows. For those who may not know what happened at Fatima all those years ago, this brief synopsis will hopefully provide an insight.



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days before in greater detail.

As stated above, after the book gives the reader the facts of this event and shows us how incredible these visions were (real or not). One thing's for sure, there is absolutely no denying in any way, shape or form that what was seen that day was seen. There was no mass psychosis. No trickery. We're not talking about a few witnesses here, we're talking about thousands. Thousands of people from all walks of life and who were subjected to some kind of phenomenon, but what was it?

The book then goes into a roller-coaster ride of theories, speculations and scientific fact on areas which all can fit in and, to some degree in their own small way, possibly explain what happened that day. We look at seismic activity, ball lightning, luminous lights. We also look at the stimulation of the temporal lobes of some of the witnesses. Did this stimulation on some of the witnesses make them think that they had seen the Blessed Virgin Mary (from here on in the BVM)?

One of the three main witnesses, little Jacinta, sadly suffered a lung cancer shortly after this light phenomenon. Was this due to her closeness to this luminous phenomenon? We also learn that some Canadian researchers did a test where they placed some people's heads into a cone-shaped device in which a short burst of microwave radiation entered their skulls. Afterwards, they said they heard a clear 'buzzing noise' inside their head (just like the Fatima witnesses). So was some kind of short-wave microwave radiation in play that day? Again the feeling by some of a 'close presence', alien presence, call it what you will, when the temporal lobes are electrically stimulated creates this feeling of a presence. Again, some authors ask, was there some kind of localized electromagnetic effect in place that day?

Are some geographical areas more prone to emitting this effect than others, all of which can induce in the startled observer these peculiar feelings, something akin to the theories written about by an old mate of mine, Albert Budden? In other words, can the Earth's own magnetic

field, under certain conditions, trigger electrical disturbances within the brain creating a false reality?

Another contributor to this book, Auguste Meessen, Ph.D, speculates that we shouldn't rule out the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis. He speculates that it's not within the bounds of credulity that perhaps the 'aliens' (or whatever they are) may have undertaken some kind of 'experiment' that day (a psycho-social experiment), which was implemented to test our reactions and beliefs about religious matters. Yes, a bit far-fetched, I'm sure, but nonetheless intriguing when we put all the other elements in this book together.

Did you know (I certainly didn't) that what happened at Fatima was not the only place where these 'Miracles of the Sun' have occurred? Below are a few places where other such events have happened:

- (1) Guadalupe (Mexico 1531)
- (2) Tilly-sur-Seuilles (France 1901)
- (3) Fatima (Portugal 1917)
- (4) Onkerzeele (Belgium 1933)
- (5) Bonate (Italy 1944)
- (6) Espis (France 1946)
- (7) Acquaviva Platani (Italy 1950)
- (8) Heroldsbach (Germany 1949)
- (9) Fehrbach (Germany 1950)
- (10) Kerezinen (France 1953)
- (11) San Damiano (Italy 1955)
- (12) Zeitoun (Cairo Egypt 1968)
- (13) Medjugorje (Bosnia-Herzegovina 1981)
- (14) Tre Fontane (Italy 1982)
- (15) Kibeho (Rwanda 1983)

Did you know, for instance, as Irene Blinston, Ph.D, informs us, that from 1990 to 1999 at least 392 cases of apparitions of the Virgin Mary were reported and investigated by the Catholic Church? Ninety-five of those cases involved children. And let us not forget, as she goes on to inform us, that two of the world's religions were formed with religious apparitions - Islam and Mormonism.

She also states that both Mohammad and Joseph Smith had visitations with an 'angel'. Are we to disregard what has gone on before with other witnesses?

Author Auguste Meessen then tried something so dangerous in the name of science that, had he continued to do this, he would have gone blind! He stared at the Sun (admittedly low on the horizon) and what was the results of this dangerous experiment? Well you'll need to read the book to find out!

Another author, Raul Berenguel, then postulates about ultrasound and informs the reader about ultrasound techniques that were implemented by the American troops on the Iraqi troops during the first Gulf War to induce fears of despondency and desperation.

We also learn from this author that an American modified C-130 aircraft emitted a high-potency microwave frequency towards the Iraqis to make them believe that what they were hearing was the 'voice of God'.

So, dear reader, there is no denying that high microwave ultrasound can, under certain conditions, enforce a change in the brain's mechanism to which it can falsely induce a state of fear and alarm through auditory and visual stimuli creating a sound or vision which 'really isn't there'. Now, we didn't have this type of apparatus back in 1917, unless, of course (as some authors suggest), that it was there but confined within the locus of the environment, something Earth-based, a tectonic strain, a movement of the Earth's crust scraping together, emitting balls of light (which as we know can happen, more so in fault zones).

The work and research of Michael Persinger, who is well-known to the research community, is given an airing here in this book. Michael goes into great detail about his theories and places them into the arena of the Fatima Event e.g. magnetic fields, temporal lobe instability. Another author, Mario Simoes, Ph.D, takes us on an educational ride of altered states of consciousness and how this too could have played a part in the Fatima Event. Yet another author, Gilda Moura looks at a multi-dimensional perspective and other levels of reality. I'll tell you what readers; this book sure has it all. How I wish a lot of different academics, scholars and researchers would lend their expert-

ise onto Scotland's famous Livingston UFO Incident. I'd love to read a book where they all came together with their own theories and speculations. Boy, what a book that would be!

Let us not forget also that light phenomena are a large part of the UFO subject.

There is a big part of the book that draws parallels with the UFO subject. David Jacobs, for instance, tells us that some theologians speculate that these wonderful experiences may not be so wonderful after all, that they may, in point of fact, be tricks of the Devil to trick humans into believing in the Second Coming.

David goes into great detail on page 157 about why the Catholic Church has to investigate visions of the BVM. Read the book to see why.

Janet Elizabeth Colli, Ph.D, then discusses angels, aliens and near-death experiences and goes on to inform us that physicist, Janusz Slawinski, demonstrated that dying organisms emit a burst of electromagnetic energy at death.

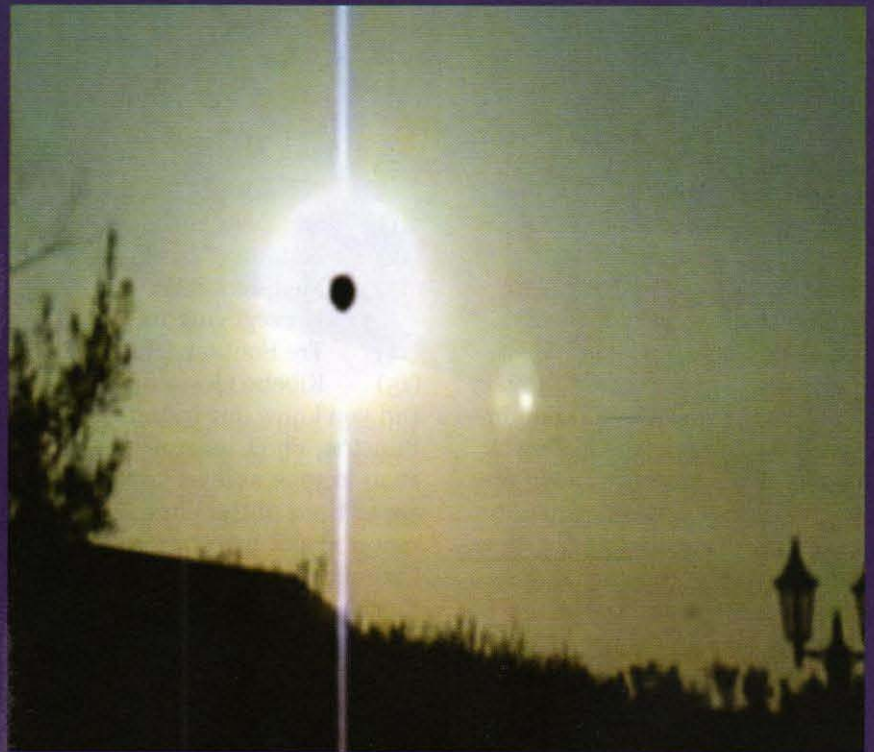
All-in-all then, this book is a marvelous pot-pourri of theory, speculation, fact and wonder and, as stated, brings together a wealth of top people in their field, all who in their own way, look at the Fatima Event with their own fine tooth comb. It's certainly an interesting read and one can take from this book what they want from it. Some readers will believe one theory whilst others will believe another, that's as maybe, but what sadly we are no further forward in understanding, is 'What exactly happened that day'? Will we ever know?

Marion visions still occur to this day, but what would make it all so real and understandable, would be to capture a Marion vision on camcorder, but until that day, we can only speculate and wonder at the events on that October day back in 1917 to 70,000 awe struck people. The world, ladies and gentlemen, is certainly a strange place made all the stranger by events like these.



Above is the original image of the sun photographed at the time of the 'Miracle'. This would have been taken on a plate camera and shows what could be a partial eclipse of the sun. Remember this is a chemically-produced photograph, but scouring the net, I found some interesting images captured on digital equipment of what people claim are similar effects.

What happens with phone cameras and other digital equipment is created by in-built protection of the image sensor. If the light source is too bright for the sensor then the hot spot is blacked out to prevent burning out the sensitive CCD chip. This was obviously not the case back in 1917.



Whatever was observed in Fatima created much discussion and controversy that still goes on to this day. Russel Callaghan.

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Time is running out For Gary McKinnon...

On the eve of a Lords ruling over US demands for his extradition, a British computer hacker claims that American prosecutors threatened to haul him before a military tribunal.

*Jamie Doward, home affairs editor
The Observer,
Sunday July 27 2008*

When he wakes up this morning, Gary McKinnon will be 72 hours from learning whether he is on the fast track to a 60-year prison sentence, thanks to his obsession with aliens.

McKinnon, 42, from Enfield in north London, is accused by American prosecutors of illegally accessing top-secret computer systems in what they claimed in one legal document was 'the biggest military computer

hack of all time'.

The self-taught IT expert insists he was simply looking for information the US government had on UFOs and is adamant that he never damaged any of its computer systems. This argument, however, cuts little ice with the Americans, who are trying to extradite him. Five years after being told by British police that he would probably get a six-month community service order for his exploits, McKinnon finds himself still wanted by the US authorities. A 2006 High Court ruling granted the extradition request, and on Wednesday the House of Lords will decide on McKinnon's appeal against that ruling.

That it should come to this is little short of outrageous, say his supporters. Soon after he was arrested in

2002, US prosecutors appeared to offer McKinnon a deal: if he agreed to extradition and admitted his guilt, he would get a sentence of three to four years, most of which could be served in the UK. When McKinnon rejected the offer - made in confidential meetings at the US embassy - his lawyers were told 'all bets were off'. They claim the US prosecutors upped the stakes, suggesting he would be 'treated like a terrorist' if he did not agree to face trial and plead guilty in the US.

McKinnon claims that at one stage there were suggestions that he would face a military tribunal, possibly at Guantánamo Bay. 'They said they wanted to see me fry,' he said.

McKinnon's lawyers claim that attempts to force him to accept a plea bargain constituted 'an unlawful abuse of the court process'. A Lords ruling in favour of McKinnon, who has become a cause célèbre for UFO enthusiasts, computer users and civil liberties groups, would force US prosecutors to restart their extradition process in the magistrates' courts, a major setback that could have ramifications for other Britons resisting removal to the US. A ruling against him would mean an appeal to the European Court of Human Rights and leave him in legal limbo, banned from travelling abroad, forced to report to police every Friday, and barred from accessing the internet.

In a further twist, it has emerged that a crucial file containing details of the early meetings with the US prosecutors, at which the offers were apparently made, has gone missing from the office of McKinnon's solicitor. A laptop holding details of the same meetings was stolen from the car of one of his barristers.

The revelations have prompted febrile speculation among McKinnon's supporters, who fear that events have taken a sinister turn. McKinnon believes his phone has been bugged and claims to have been followed. As a result of his exploits, no IT company will now offer McKinnon a job. 'I think it's bloody ridiculous,' he said. 'They should employ me to bust paedophile rings or credit card frauds rather than

stick me in jail for the rest of my life.'

These days he earns a living driving a fork-lift truck. It seems a mundane job for a man who between 1999 and 2002 broke into the most secure computer systems in the world from his north London flat. Using a computer language called Perl and a cheap PC, McKinnon linked a number of computer systems to search for US databases that were not protected by a password. 'I could scan 65,000 machines in less than nine minutes,' McKinnon said.

McKinnon unearthed unprotected computer systems operated by the US army, the navy, the Pentagon and Nasa. On every system he hacked, he left messages. 'It was frightening because they had little or no security,' he said. 'I was always leaving messages on the desktop saying, "your security is really crap".'

One message has come back to haunt him. 'I said US foreign policy was akin to government-sponsored terrorism and I believed 9/11 was an inside job. It was a political diatribe,' he admitted.

In the end, the ease with which he could hack the systems became his undoing. 'I got sloppy. I went to places directly rather than jump through systems. Nasa tracked back my IP address.'

McKinnon's interest in aliens was started by an internet-based group of UFO enthusiasts called The Disclosure Project. The group had collected more than 200 testimonies - some from people who have served in the US military - that 'confirm' that extra-terrestrials exist. Not only that but, according to McKinnon, some of the testimonies offered proof that 'certain parts of Western intelligence had acquired and reverse-engineered their technology, mainly weaponry and free energy'.

Intrigued, McKinnon used the testimonies to help him search top-secret US databases for information about free energy. 'I felt if it existed it should be publicly available,' he said. He says he came across many other hackers in the supposedly secure systems, many with Chinese and Russian internet addresses. Since his

exploits were exposed, consecutive government reports have confirmed that the US military's computer systems remain poorly protected.

McKinnon was caught before he could find any confidential information on 'free energy', but he saw enough to believe the US authorities are suppressing what they know about aliens. He says he came across a document written by a Nasa official who claimed the agency has to airbrush UFOs out of satellite photos because 'there are so many of them'.

With only a 56k modem, he found that downloading the huge volume of documents was too time-consuming. But McKinnon claims that he managed to capture almost two-thirds of an image of what he believes was either a UFO or a top-secret US craft operating in space.

The picture was confiscated, along with all the other material McKinnon downloaded. The material included an Excel spreadsheet entitled 'non-terrestrial officers' and a list of names. 'It was a really weird phrase,' McKinnon said. 'Maybe it was the secret development of a space force. Space is the next frontier and it's already being weaponised.'

His hacking career came to an abrupt end one morning in March 2002. The National High Tech Crime Unit searched his flat and arrested McKinnon and his then girlfriend. 'They said "you'll probably get six months' community service",' McKinnon claimed. In the end the Crown Prosecution Service decided not to prosecute, but two years later, after crime unit officials visited Washington, apparently taking McKinnon's hard drive, the US government began extradition proceedings.

'Now I'm facing 60 years in prison,'



McKinnon said. 'I believe my case is being treated so seriously because they're scared of what I've seen. I'm living in a surreal, nutter's film.'

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Gary McKinnon appealed to the Home Secretary recently to stop his extradition after losing a legal appeal. He is due to be extradited to the United States within two weeks and could face a sentence of up to 80 years in a maximum-security prison if found guilty.

McKinnon has suggested that the US authorities should take advantage of his expertise rather than prosecute him. "The reason I left not just one note, but multiple notes on multiple desk-tops, was to say 'Look, this is ridiculous'."

Karen Todner, from Kaim Todner solicitors, said that Mr McKinnon was "distraught" about the decision by the European Court of Human Rights and appealed to Jacqui Smith, the Home Secretary, to intervene. "He is terrified by the prospect of going to America," she said. Ms Todner added that the alleged offences had been committed on British soil and so he should be tried here.

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UFO DATA



An Ancient Alien Presence On The Moon...

Tom Abino looks at some of the weird evidence that suggests the moon may not have been a dead body in our night skies

There are ancient alien ruins on the moon. They have been there for as long as we have been on the Earth and NASA has known about it all along. But NASA hasn't been so swift with the ink and the blurs that dominate many moon photos. There is evidence from new moon satellites, many of them foreign, in which these ruins can be clearly seen. This wasn't a little alien base or a few aliens in a tin can, but a vast civilization that existed just 250,000 miles away.

We know from history that the Earth was vastly different way back when. Before the Flood, the Earth had an atmospheric pressure that was double what it was today. People lived to be a thousand years old. The moon could've had an atmosphere as well. Though we can only speculate about what the conditions on the moon were like, we can tell from the photographs that they didn't build a dome over them to hold air. Many of these ruins resemble similar remains here on earth.

The best alien ruin site is located in Bessel Crater. As you can see from the photo below, the basin itself doesn't resemble a typical impact crater, but rather it looks like it was dug out. The ruins inside hug the overhang just as similar structures build by Indian Cliff Dwellers here on Earth do. The two top columns in the shadow area near the top are the most impressive. These obelisks rise

halfway up the wall and may well be the route that they used to get in and out of the structure. The size of the ruins is massive.

The crater, if it is a crater at all, is 1.25 miles (2 km) deep and 9.9 miles (16 km) in diameter. This is a good sized city of several thousand.



**Apollo 15 image
of Bessel Crater.**

Many debunkers will say that this is just a crater. There is nothing in existence that will leave raised soil in the center after colliding with the moon. The centers of impact craters are dug out by whatever smashed into them. The two columns near the top climb better than three-fourths of a mile. What comet or meteor would leave an indentation that looks like that? The way that these structures rise required some being to build them. Consider at the rim. It is too perfect looking for an impact. It appears like a team of earthmovers dug it out, and maybe a crew did or perhaps it was a squad of alien ships.

They had to have a farm or greenhouse somewhere under there in order to feed all of those beings. This city would have to have the same things that any city has—food distribution, waste collection, medical centers, schools, courts, government, churches, etc. They had to have a ship or two in order to get around. That number of aliens wouldn't just go strolling around like Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin did with little more than a space suit.

Bessel Crater isn't the only location of alien ruins on the moon. Another alien city exists inside of Magelhaens A Crater. A large hole, which at one time had a structure rising above it to who knows what heights, as well as several smaller ones, mark an area that is clearly the top of an alien-made cavern or cellar. It doesn't match the rest of the crater, appearing as a concrete floor that sits atop a basement. The sides of the basin look like they were carved out at tapering down levels, the same way that a large cut is made in a hill in order for a freeway to pass through. These scores obviously continued down below the floor to create whatever basement levels exist down there.

The crater is massive, measuring 19.8 miles (32 km) in diameter. This city had to hold several thousand aliens. The below ground chamber could be several miles beneath the floor. Look at the outer rim of the basin in the lower third of the photograph. The soil rises up better than a mile. No collision would raise the dirt up over a mile. There are small craters along the rise, impacts from meteors that fell before the aliens



Magelhaens Crater

sliced the hill away that was there. This city was a massive undertaking.

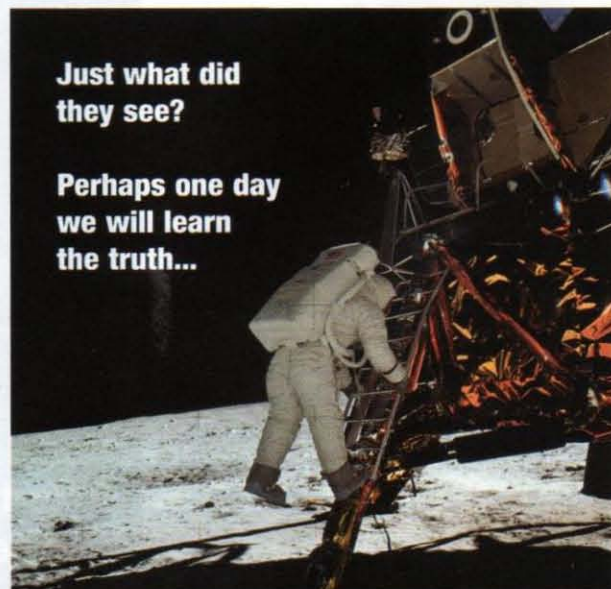
The crater is built as a bowl stadium. The same construction techniques would have to be used regardless of who is using them given gravity and soil. It is the area beneath the floor that is the most important. How many levels are down there, we can only speculate. It could connect to underground tunnels that could go well beneath the lunar soil. Stop and think about the fact that they dug out a hill, which stood who knows how tall, and built a city in its place.

Judging by the diameter of the crater itself, the hole in the center must be close to two miles across. The structure that sat atop it would have been the size of the Great Pyramid of Giza. Such a building would hold several hundred beings, maybe more given the small size of aliens compared to humans. This leads to how they got from the lowest level below ground to the top of the building. Did they have electricity and elevators? If they had the equipment to build such a city in the first place, then the inside had to be more than just a cave. They could've had tech-

nology far more advanced than anything that we know today.

The Apollo missions, and the Surveyor missions that came before it, had to have seen these cities from orbit. They could have landed one of the LEMs near one of these craters and done a thorough investigation. NASA is doing the same thing on Mars by wasting the rover missions in obscure location instead of exploring the ruins of Cydonia or the Inca city. NASA's old lies that there is nothing on the moon but some old footprints and the bottom parts of LEMs are as big of a myth as the man in the moon.

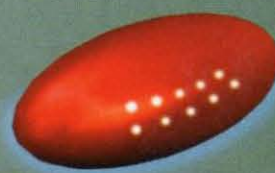
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Just what did they see?

Perhaps one day we will learn the truth...

Passenger Flight Encounters UFO...



From the pages of UFO History

Mike Conley's Tales of the Weird: 60th Anniversary of Pilots' Close Encounter

By MIKE CONLEY
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Thursday, July 24, 2008

It was 60 years ago that two well-respected commercial pilots found themselves on a collision course with a torpedo-shaped unidentified flying object. And that extraordinary encounter would influence the Air Force's early investigation of the whole UFO phenomenon.

During the early morning hours of July 24, 1948, pilot Clarence Chiles and co-pilot John Whitted were flying an Eastern Airlines Douglas DC-3 over the city of Montgomery, Ala. Their airliner was cruising at an altitude of about 5,000 feet and the night-time flight was pretty much uneventful.

But at about 2:45 a.m., Chiles spotted a hazy red cloud, which looked like aircraft exhaust. It was slightly above them and to the front of the DC-3 by about half a mile. Chiles

next saw some kind of aircraft and suspected that it was one of the new jet planes being used by the Army. However, the two pilots quickly realized that this object was not a jet plane and it was coming right at them very fast. The strange object barely missed the DC-3 and passed by them on their starboard side at a distance of about 1,000 feet, according to Chiles's report.

As the UFO bore down on them, Chiles took the DC-3 into a tight left turn. As the UFO passed them by, the DC-3 hit some turbulent air. Whitted was able to look back just as the weird object pulled up into a steep climb.

Both men had seen the object for about 10 to 15 seconds but that was enough for them to get a good look at it. Both described it as cigar- or torpedo-shaped and about 100 feet long. It was about three times the diameter of a B-29 bomber used in World War II. The object's surface was entirely smooth with no wings. The rear section of the UFO gave off a bright red-orange exhaust that got redder when it rose in altitude.

Chiles and Whitted reported hearing no sound at all as the UFO passed by their plane, according to a web site. Both pilots also stated that the UFO had two rows of rectangular windows. Chiles later wrote that the two rows indicated an upper and lower deck inside the UFO. A very bright light seemed to be glowing from inside the windows. And underneath the object, a blue glow could be seen. Because it was early morning, most of the plane's passengers were asleep. But one of them, Clarence L. McKelvie, would later testify that he too saw something similar to what Chiles and Whitted saw.

He stated he saw a very bright light from his window seat in the DC-3. He told investigators that the light seemed to move parallel to the plane, but at a higher altitude.

Right after the close encounter, Chiles radioed Eastern Airlines flight controllers and asked them if any known experimental aircraft were being flown in the region at that time. There were none, according to a web site.

The flight landed at Birmingham, Ala. shortly before 4 a.m. The pilots went to a hotel for some rest but it wasn't long before their sighting attracted media interest. Within a few hours, they were interviewed by both a radio station and a newspaper reporter.

This sighting would be significant because it was reported by two experienced and respected pilots with Eastern Airlines. Both men had been decorated for their service in World War II.

At first, investigators suggested the object was a meteor but both Chiles and Whitted rejected this. They asserted that it was a "manmade thing."

Not long afterwards, another witness stepped forward. Walter Massey, a ground-crew chief at nearby Robins Air Force Base in Georgia, claimed to have seen something very similar about an hour before Chiles' and Whitted's encounter. Like the two pilots, he said it was a torpedo-shaped object that looked to be two or three times larger than a B-29 and had "a long stream of fire coming out the tail end."

Of course, officials with the Pentagon floated the ever-popular weather balloon theory. Just a year before, the military tried to explain what happened at Roswell, N.M. with that same old tired weather balloon theory. But the explanation was quickly withdrawn with the Chiles-Whitted encounter. An Air Force spokesman admitted their sighting was credible, according to a Web site.

So based on this and other sightings, Air Force investigators began to take more seriously the idea that UFOs might come from other worlds.

FUTURE TV INTEREST

It seems that my *Tales of the Weird* column has attracted The History Channel's interest. On Tuesday, I received a phone call from an associate producer of the channel's show *UFO Hunters*. It turns out that the show wants to use a column that I wrote back in December about the Cash-Landrum sighting that hap-

pened in Texas.

In that 1980 case, Betty Cash, and her friend, Vickie Landrum saw a UFO and that encounter might have made them very ill. Eighteen years later, Cash died on the anniversary of the sighting and some investigators believe she was killed by the UFO experience.

The associate producer said her show will take another look at the event and wanted to use my column. I don't know when it will be aired on the History Channel but I'll keep you posted.

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Just to clarify for our readers that Birmingham as referred to in this article is Birmingham, Alabama in the United States.

It is interesting to note that this encounter happened not long after the Roswell events of 1947 and as reports sighted in Project Blue Book and the like it strengthens claims that the United States was in the midst of a UFO flap throughout the late 1940s and 50s.

I am sure many researchers and enthusiasts find it hard to understand why even with so much documented evidence that the powers that be still find it hard to accept that there is much firm ground behind the UFO subject and cases such as this one should be afforded respect at least.

From the witness description of the event it appears the object was no natural phenomena. It is described as having windows with obvious internal lighting sources. you would only need such internal illumination if a craft had passengers or crew on board. We don't put lighting or windows in our space probes you simply don't need them and the power required to run such systems would be a total waste of resources.

Finally we have yet to see a weather balloon or meteor that needed internal illumination. UFO for sure.

BOOK REVIEW

IN THESE SIGNS CONQUER



REVEALING THE SECRET SIGNS
AN AGE HAS OBSCURED

ELLIS TAYLOR

In These Signs Conquer: Revealing the Secret Signs an Age Has Obscured is a remarkable book from Ellis Taylor. Charting the hidden history of humanity from its origins in the stars to modern times, Ellis takes us on a fascinating journey, using symbology, both ancient and modern, in this, the second edition of his book.

Ellis' wit shines through in this book, making what could be a mind-numbing trawl through esotericism an enjoyable and fulfilling experience. He takes complex subjects and boils them down into words that anybody can understand.

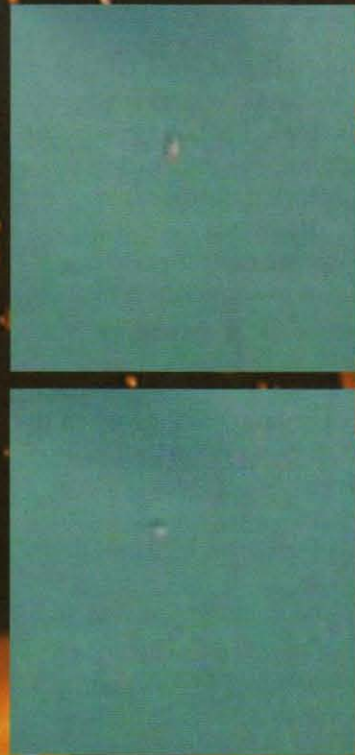
Despite what historians tell us, that our evolution was a long, hard slog from its primitive origins to our modern world of global conflict and strife, Ellis maintains that a complex plan has been at work, a plan that can be decoded using the symbols and writings of our ancestors, from the ancient Sumerians and Egyptians to the Bible to Francis Bacon and Dr John Dee to HP Lovecraft. No stone is left unturned in this epic quest for the truth about the nature of reality.

Read this extraordinary work and your view of the world will be changed forever.

Ellis Taylor's website can be found at <http://www.ellistaylor.com>

Steve Johnson

Lanterns Lanterns Everywhere...



Being someone who reports and documents UFO sightings, I have to tell you that I get totally wazzed off by local radio and news presenters ringing me up and getting very excited over reports of strange orange lights in the skies. I was on a filming assignment at Headingley in Leeds a couple of weeks ago when at halftime I strolled off the gantry to stretch my legs. Now Headingley has a huge student population and Beer and Bar-b-ques are the staple diet of those who stay local for the summer.

All of a sudden in front of me was a fleet of rapidly-climbing bin bags. Four of the five I saw failed within a minute of launch, but one soared upwards and onwards.

I grabbed my phone and started to film, just why I don't know but I have put it on the UFORUSS page on Youtube for you to have a look at.

More Lanterns Mistaken for UFOs!

Steve Johnson Reports.

There have been many news reports recently where those pesky Chinese/Thai lanterns have been mistaken for UFOs. Here is a selection of some of those reports:

'UFO' identified as wedding lanterns

From *The Western Mercury* - 26th June 2008
No By-Line

A UFO spotted flying towards the Bristol Channel has been identified as lanterns that were set off at a wedding.

On June 8 reports of a UFO in the sky over South Wales were made by a police helicopter crew but it did not manage to take any pictures before it disappeared.

The sighting has now been put down to some Japanese lanterns that were lit at a wedding in Cowbridge.

The paper lamps inflate when they are lit, causing them to float up into the sky.

IFO (Identified Flying Object)

From *The Evening Star* - 23rd July 2008
By Rebecca Lefort

MYSTERY solved!

The riddle behind the glowing orange UFO seen by Ipswich teenager Charlotte Bevan appears to have been unravelled today.

Miss Bevan, 18, spotted the mysterious unidentified flying object over Cineworld in Cardinal Park last weekend.

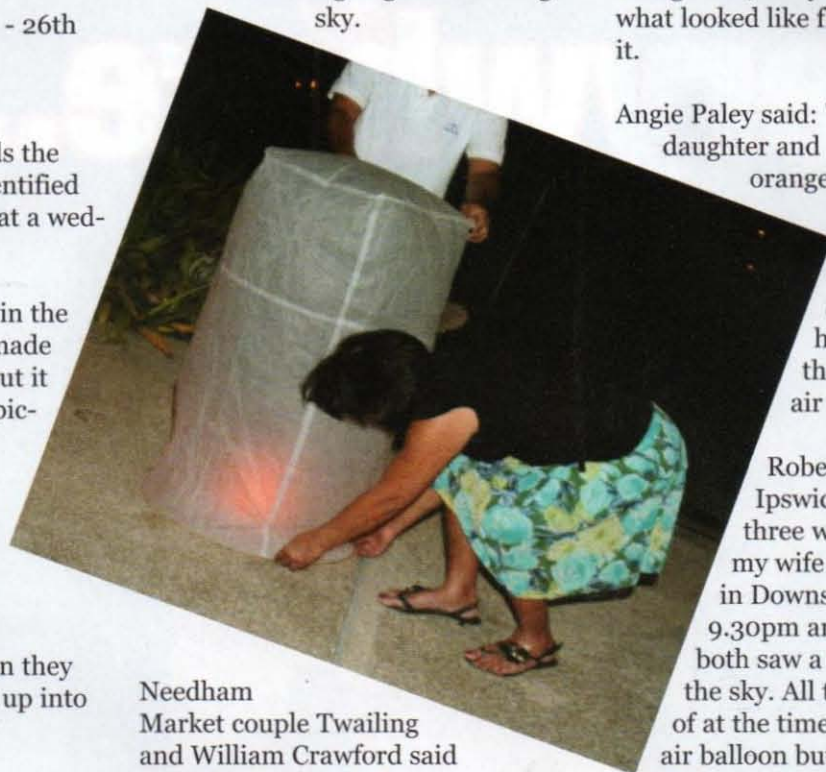
Now firework expert Warren Thomas, owner of the Firework Emporium in Foxhall Road, has said the description of the bright lights matched that of Chinese Glo Lanterna, which he has sold hundreds of in the past few months.

Mr Thomas said: "It is all a bit of a laugh - but I think I have the answer.

"We sell a lot of them during the summer. You light a cardboard square and the lantern starts to ignite and fill the paper balloon up with hot air.

"The lanterns go into the air and glow a red-orange colour."

His logical explanation comes after other people also said they had seen the strange lights in the night sky.



Needham Market couple Twailing and William Crawford said they saw the objects float overhead while they were relaxing with friends in a Great Finborough garden one evening in late May.

The pair even contacted the police because Mr Crawford, 54, works as an aircraft engineer and was convinced the lights were not coming from any aircraft.

Mrs Crawford, 43, of Pinecroft Way, said: "Then we saw red lights in the sky. There was one, and then another came behind it and there were ten in all in a straight line.

"Then they just disappeared, they were like blips and were gone.

"We thought it was very strange. There was no noise and they were there for 15 minutes. We tried to take photos but nothing came out."

The strange lights were seen again and captured on video on Monday night in the Colchester Road area of Ipswich.

Other sightings of the Suffolk UFOs

Amanda Bull said she also saw a strange object. She said: "My husband and I saw this at about 9.30pm, flying over Kesgrave heading eastwards. It was quite high in the sky but again no noise whatsoever. When we saw it, it seemed not just to be an orange ball, but you could visibly see what looked like flames coming from it.

Angie Paley said: "My husband, daughter and I also saw a bright orange oval shaped light in the sky over Kesgrave at about 9.30pm. Surely it would have been too late in the evening for a hot air balloon?

Robert Thorpe from Ipswich said: "Just over three weeks ago me and my wife had left my sister's in Downside Close between 9.30pm and 10pm and we both saw a red/orange glow in the sky. All that we could think of at the time is that it was a hot air balloon but we could not see the balloon only the glow and there was no sound. We thought it was quite late for a hot air balloon flight.

Is it a UFO? No, it's just a Chinese lantern!

From *The Huddersfield Daily Examiner* - 31st July 2008
By Barry Gibson

THE mystery of UFOs over Huddersfield has been solved.

People in the Holme Valley reported seeing a mysterious red light in the skies on Saturday night.

Sadly for UFO believers it turns out they were nothing more mysterious or sinister than fast-flying Chinese lanterns sent soaring skywards.

Kirkburton woman Lyndsay White

contacted the paper after reading that two people had reported seeing a red shape moving from Cinderhills in the direction of Dunford Bridge.

She said: "My family and I released a Chinese firefly lantern at Highburton around 10pm on Saturday.

"It looked spectacular when it went up and someone joked that people would call the Examiner saying they had seen a UFO. We had a laugh about it."

Lyndsay bought the lantern, which was 4ft tall and 2ft wide, from Armitage's Garden Centre in Shelley.

She released it in memory of her stepfather Alan Castle.

The Holmfirth man, who died earlier this month, saw the lanterns during a holiday to Thailand.

Anita Duce, of Fernside Avenue, Almondbury also contacted the Examiner to report a mysterious red shape.

And this time it seems that Jacky West, of nearby Far View Crescent was responsible.

She also released a lantern from her back garden on Saturday night.

"I'd like to use them at my daughter Charlotte's wedding reception next year," said Jacky. "They are absolutely beautiful, like little hot air balloons."

She bought the lantern, which was 2ft 6in tall and 18 inches across, from Armitage's Garden Centre at Birchcliffe.

Jacky said: "I laughed when I saw the reports of UFO sightings, I'm sure it was our lantern. I hope they don't get banned because of this!"

But there is hope for the believers.

Other strange lights seen in other parts of the country the same night remain unexplained.

People all over the nation reported bright orange balls shooting through the sky and strange flickering lights.

More than 200 people contacted UFO Investigations UK claiming to have seen UFOs on Saturday night.

The organisation usually receives no more than 15 reports a day.

The truth is out there - those UFOs were Chinese lanterns at a wedding

From *The Sheffield Star* - 1st August 2008

By Nick Ward

MORE evidence today emerged that the bright lights hovering over Meadowhall last weekend were nothing to worry about.

The lights - which sparked theories of a UFO invasion - were spotted by hundreds of people on Saturday night.

But no one - including police - could

explain what they were.

Now Sylvia Critchlow, aged 63, of Bluebell Close, Wincobank, has revealed the lights had nothing to do with aliens - she believes the cause of

the panic was her daughter's wedding reception.

Sylvia said after her daughter Karen, 38, said "I do" to 37-year-old Paul Jones at Sheffield Town Hall they and around 50 guests travelled to the Shiregreen Arms in Shiregreen for their wedding reception.

Part of the celebrations saw happy couple Karen, a school teacher, and postman Paul release 50 Chinese floating lanterns.

Sylvia said the lanterns quickly floated off towards Meadowhall.

"The lights that were spotted had to be the lanterns," said Sylvia.

"I had never seen them before and it was a smashing surprise when they were released.

"It was an even bigger surprise when I read in *The Star* about all the fuss they had caused."

UFOs turn out to be candles on balloons

From *The Scotsman* - 4th August 2008

By Sam Reeves

POLICE were flooded with reports of UFO sightings at the weekend after party-goers attached candles to balloons and sent them floating off into the sky.

The revellers in Grangemouth, Stirlingshire, were involved in a party game on Saturday night and hoped releasing the devices would make their dreams come true.

But residents in the surrounding area were shocked by the sight of the illuminated globes, mistaking them for an alien invasion.

Central Scotland Police said they received more than a dozen calls in half an hour from locals who believed the balloons were interstellar craft.

A spokesman said: "We've had calls saying it's UFOs. It turns out that it's balloons with candles on. People make a wish and then release them."



'UFOs' turn out to be fire lanterns

From *Reading Evening Post* - 4th August 2008
By Paul Cassell

The mystery of UFOs flying over Woodley has been solved and sadly no bug-eyed green aliens will be landing in the town - well, at least not for the time being.

The truth was definitely out there after the *Evening Post* was told the "bright orange globes" which stunned onlookers in the night skies on Saturday, July 26, were in fact fire lanterns.

The lanterns, which work in a similar way to hot-air balloons, were set off from a wedding reception being held at the Oakwood Centre in Headley Road.

Centre manager Cheryl Cardwell said: "I read with glee your report of UFOs in last week's paper. I suppose it makes good press.

"They were indeed fire lanterns, only 18 not 30 as claimed, that were set off by a wedding party taking place at the Oakwood Centre.

"Aren't people strange?"

Awestruck residents sent the *Post* photos and video footage of the lanterns with many baffled by the objects they had seen drifting across the sky from east to west.

Steve Dyke, of Malvern Close, spoke of "big, circular and even" objects but was unable to see any detail while Rachel Gormley, of Corbett Gardens, confessed "I'd seen nothing like it before".

Fire lanterns, also called sky lanterns and somewhat appropriately UFO balloons, were invented by the Chinese and originally known as Kong Mong Deng.

They were named after the leader of the three-kingdom period between 184AD and 280AD who, when surrounded by enemies, used the lanterns to send signals for help. They were then made of oiled rice paper with a bamboo frame and con-

tained a small candle and said to be in the shape of the leader's hat.

Today's lanterns work on much the same principle with the flame inside causing the lantern to rise and glow brightly in the night sky.

The lanterns are built using flame-proof paper and fuel cells that are designed not to smoulder and are also available in triangular, circular and heart shapes.

UFO expert Michael Soper, from Oxfordshire, who has been investigating flying saucers and paranormal activity with Contact International UFO Research for 25 years, said: "Fire lanterns are regularly mistaken for UFOs and there are more of them and this is thought to be due to the increase in immigration. They are often amber and circular but the real giveaway is they follow the wind.

"There is enough evidence to suggest UFOs definitely exist whether in a physical or psychological dimension and most of them are doing exactly the same behaviour throughout history.

"Caversham and Earley are areas where there have been cases and there is every chance UFOs have flown over Woodley."

UFO Mystery Solved

From *Manchester Evening News* - 16th August 2008
By Lanre Bakare

THE Stretford UFO sighting has been solved and apparently it was no more than a lot of hot air!

Bright orange lights appeared above Stretford on Thursday night, sparking speculation that extra terrestrials had come to Manchester.

But, according to a witness, the truth is that they were lanterns made by children out of bin bags and candles.

The woman, who asked to remain anonymous, said: "We saw the lanterns coming out of a garden off

Bradfield Road at about half six. There was a group of three lads letting them off and three more riding on bikes to see how far they were going. They were laughing at all the people staring."

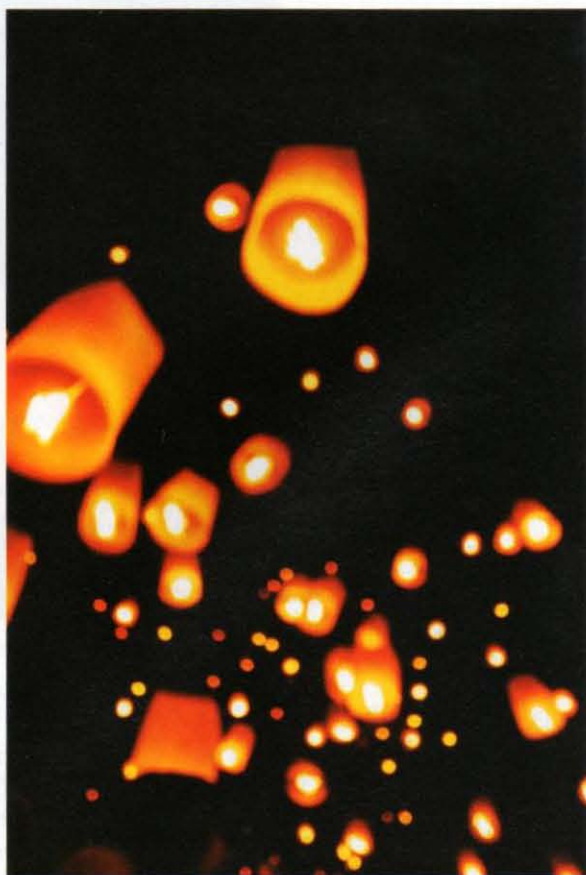
Police were called to investigate the lights and hundreds of people have since logged onto this website to see the objects floating over Stretford.

The sightings follow a Ministry of Defence report which revealed two UFO sightings last year in Chorlton and Irlam.

Stephen Mera, founder of the Manchester Association of Paranormal Investigators and Training, said: "There are usually between 80 and 90 sightings a year and the vast majority of them are these lanterns or balloons. They only cost around £3 and can be set off within minutes of being bought."

This year has been an unusually large number of sightings with more than 150 UFOs reported. Only around 4 per cent turn out to be unexplainable.

Some witnesses claimed the UFOs were too big to be lanterns and disappeared in an instant but Mr Mera



has a theory.

He said: "It's very hard to judge how big something is in the sky because there is nothing to compare things with.

"As for the disappearing, the lantern more than likely just went behind low cloud cover rather than vanish into thin air."

According to Mr Mera, the lanterns have been set off all summer and Thursday's 'UFOs' were the results of a particularly successful launch.

He said: "I think we'll see more of these throughout the summer. It's not the first time and it certainly won't be the last."

City UFOs? This couple has the answer!

From *This Is Nottingham* - 29th August 2008
By Delia Monk

WHEN lights floated across the evening sky in Carlton last weekend, no one was able to identify the mysterious flying objects.

Many believed the lights were alien spacecraft, prompting a flurry of comments on the Evening Post web-site.

But a more earthly explanation for the strange, ethereal objects has now emerged.

Newlyweds Izabella and Adrian Jagiello-Marks believe the lights were actually flying Chinese lanterns, released into the sky as part of their wedding celebrations.

The lanterns, which are about 30 inches tall and made from rice paper, are set alight at the base and fly into the sky like mini hot-air balloons.

Mrs Jagiello-Marks said: "You'd never think lighting a bunch of lanterns would be so cool, but it was an amazing site."

The couple married on Saturday at Nottingham Cathedral, on Derby Road. But the party continued on Sunday, when guests made wishes as eight lanterns took off from their

home on Hillview Road, Carlton.

"Seven went off really fast. The last one had a bit of a hole in it, so it lagged behind," said Mrs Jagiello-Marks, whose sister had bought the lanterns as a wedding gift.

Anita Hearn, from Lambley, was driving her mother home to Carlton at about 9.30pm last Sunday when she saw lights in the sky. She said: "We saw in the distance at first what we thought were fireworks.

"Then we realised these lights were all in a shape, equal distance apart and moving slowly at the same speed. Eventually they all faded away. It was ever so strange. I was quite scared."
Sightings were also reported from Langley Mill, Heanor and Eastwood.

Anne Devonport, from Langley Mill, said: "There were about 16 we could see in the sky but a lot more behind. They seemed to be really bright, then they drifted to the left and disappeared altogether.

"I didn't know what they were. There was no noise from them."

It has been reported that another 50 lanterns were released at a wedding at Eastwood Hall Hotel that evening.

Izabella Jagiello-Marks said: "I thought it was hilarious. Even with a logical explanation, people believe they're UFOs. It's a bit of a joke."

Have girls solved the mystery of the UFOs?

From *The Halifax Evening Courier* - 1st September 2008
By Suzanne Rutter

THE mystery of strange lights hovering in the sky above the Calder Valley may have been solved by two teenagers.

The spooky lights, pictured above, caused a stir when they were spotted over Mytholmroyd on August 11.

Could they have been from an aeroplane or something more alien?
Amy Cheetham, 19, of Halifax, and Louise Neil, 18, of Hebden Bridge, believe they were, in fact, just fly-

away Chinese lanterns.

Amy said: "We were walking the dog when we saw what appeared to be little hot-air balloons made of paper, like Chinese lanterns. There were about six of them and it was obvious they had been lit.

"I just thought it was a bit weird. Louise told me about the UFO story and I couldn't believe it. They are definitely not UFOs.

"I think we have probably solved the mystery." The incident has been causing a fair old flap since it was reported in the Courier.

Mark Jefferys, of Ashton Road, Mytholmroyd, said sons Matthew, 12, and Liam, 13, thought they could be UFOs.

"It couldn't have been helicopters because they were orange lights, not white," he said. Other readers suggested the bright lights could be attributed to an annual natural phenomenon, known as Perseids.

James Fryer said: "I'm certainly no expert but I believe the lights were probably part of the annual meteor shower."

Gemma Kipping, of Todmorden, said she spotted the same activity two weeks earlier. "I thought they could have been hot-air balloons but then thought who would be out in a balloon at night?"

And ex-RAF avionics technician Chris Granger, 45, of Vale Mill Cottages, Cragg Vale, told us: "They moved in a very erratic manner and did not display the flight characteristics of a conventional aircraft."

SJ.

UFO DATA
One day I expect a report in a local paper claiming a UFO has burned down a barn or ruined a farmer's field full of crops because these things are dangerous and should be banned...

BRITAIN'S CLOSEST ENCOUNTERS

THE FIRST MULTI-PART
UFO DOCUMENTARY PRODUCED
IN THE UK FOR OVER 10 YEARS

Was it worth the wait?

In June and July, the UK network television broadcaster, Channel 5, aired a four-part series entitled *Britain's Closest Encounters*. Produced by Firefly Film and Television Productions, the series was narrated by Anthony Head and featured UFO eyewitnesses and experts from all around the United Kingdom.

The first episode focussed upon the notorious **Berwyn Mountains Incident** from 1974. During the evening of January 23rd, 1974, the town of Landrillo in North Wales was shaken by an earthquake. In nearby Corwen, Sergeant Elfed Roberts (who would go on to become the Assistant Chief Constable of North Wales Police) feared that the dam at nearby Bala had breached and rushed to investigate. Satisfied that the dam was secure, he headed for Bala Police Station, where the phones were ringing almost constantly. Reports were coming in from the residents of Landrillo about lights in the sky. A 'ball of fire with a tail' was seen coming down over the mountains close to the village.

Sergeant Roberts and a colleague headed out to Landrillo and witnessed an arcing, green light, with blue edges, in the sky, unlike anything Roberts had seen before. When they arrived in the village, the locals told of what they had seen. Fearful that an aircraft might have crashed, the policemen began searching the area. Commandeering a local farmer's Land Rover, they headed up the mountain, sweeping the area with their torches. Then they decided to switch off the flashlights and waited quietly to see if anything unusual could be seen or heard.

A few miles away, local nurse, Pat Evans, also feared a plane had crashed and set off with her daughters to see if anybody required medical assistance. She described seeing a circular, red light with other lights moving around it. Meanwhile, Sergeant Roberts' search proved fruitless.

The next day, the media descended upon Landrillo, curious about the strange story coming from the village. Astronomer, Dr Ron Maddison

arrived with colleagues and began searching for what he suspected was a meteorite coming down in the mountains. No evidence was ever found of a plane crash or a meteorite impact. The mystery persisted.

The British Geological Survey had measured an earthquake in the area with a magnitude of 3.5 on the Richter Scale. So, that explained the rumbling, but what about the lights in the sky? The Royal Astronomical Society explained that a meteor shower had been visible that night and they had received reports from all over the country about particularly bright meteors.

The case was forgotten for about fifteen years, until Pat Evans spoke to Jenny Randles about what she had seen. Her story reignited the mystery. Investigators once again descended upon the area and, eventually, Nurse Evans became so fatigued with the attention that she moved abroad.

Three weeks after the earthquake, local gamekeeper, Geraint Edwards, witnessed something on the moun-

tain that remained in his memory ever since. He described a red object, shaped like a rugby ball, but with more pointed ends, hovering sixty to a hundred feet over Pen-Y-Bryn. As he and his friends watched, it took off at high speed over the mountains.

For some bizarre reason (and this happened in every episode), the programme whisked us away from Berwyn and across the country to Derbyshire to check out another case.

In October, 2000, Sharon Rowlands saw something over Bonsall and captured it with her camcorder. She said that what she saw was a segmented disc with a dark centre that was as large as 'a detached house'. She became very nervous when she feared that the object would land in the field close to her house. As she recorded the event, the object blinked out. When her story appeared in the local paper, UFO investigators from all over the world began contacting her. She decided to place the video tape in a vault at her solicitor's.

Video expert, Peter Marriot, came to the conclusion that what Sharon had recorded was simply a street lamp. Sharon discounts this explanation, saying that what she saw was not a streetlight and was like nothing she had ever seen. Judging from the clip

shown in this episode, just before it blinks out, there appear to be two steady lights with flashing lights accompanying them. Frankly, that looks like a conventional aircraft to me. Sorry, Sharon.

Jenny Randles explains that out of over ten thousand cases she has looked at over thirty years, ninety-five percent can be explained as IFOs, Identified Flying Objects. Aircraft, balloons, Chinese lanterns, meteors etc. fall into this category of misidentification. We are then told how Chinese lanterns have sparked a UFO wave over the UK in recent years. Andy Roberts agrees, saying that the general public are somewhat ignorant of what is in the skies above their heads and that he has seen several things that he cannot explain. Back to Berwyn, sceptics such as Andy Roberts claimed that what Pat Evans saw was people on the mountain across the valley. These, according to Andy, were the police and

farmers meeting a group of poachers. One of the poachers in question, Ieuan Roberts, is doubtful that the lights they used that night could be mistaken for anything else. He said that Pat could not have seen their lights that night.

Could so-called earthlights have been what people witnessed that night? Jenny Randles believes that this is a possibility. Earthlights are caused by tec-



Bonsall, Derbyshire.

The Sharon Rowlands case was blown out of all proportion by the views of a solitary UFO researcher.

Another investigator Omar Fowler a veteran of UFO research was invited to view Sharon's tape and reported to UFO Magazine that the film showed what he believed to be an aircraft with afterburners in view.

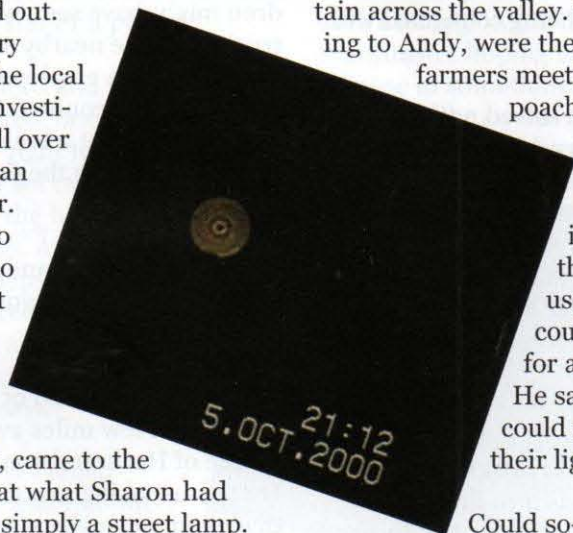
But the original investigator who convinced Sharon she had the smoking gun reported to American TV producer Robert Kiviat that this was the best UFO ever filmed, encouraged by Kiviat's global offer of up to \$10,000 would be paid for the best footage for his forthcoming UFO's the best evidence caught on camera series. This was to be paid for exclusive access to the film of course. However Sharon released stills to the press and within days a shot of an out of focus light source adorned every tabloid across the UK and Bob Kiviat deamed his deal well and truly broken and no money changed hands.

Graham W. Birdsall and I visited Bonsall to interview Sharon but she promptly ran away.

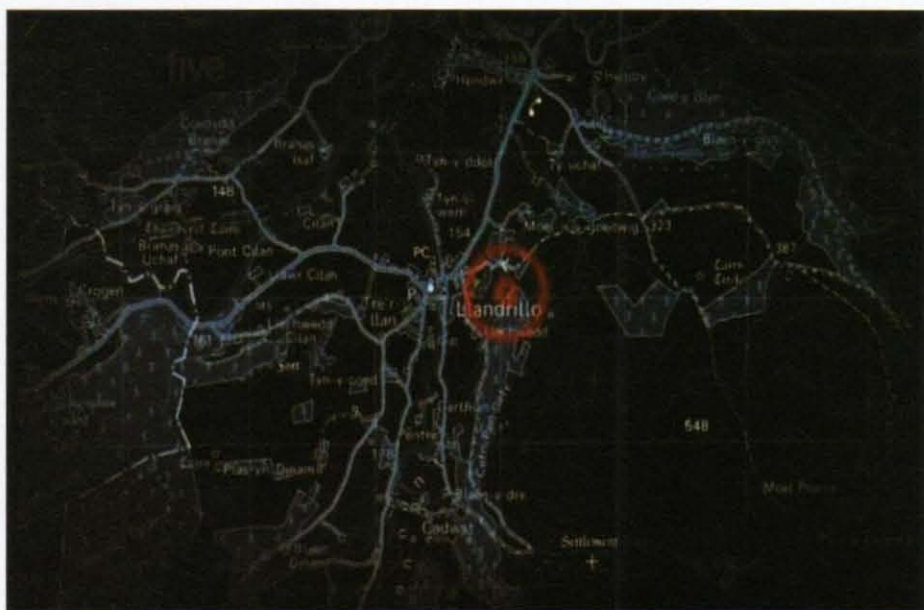
The reports however put Bonsall firmly on the UFO hot spot map so much so that the local Pub landlord arranged bank holiday UFO tours of the Derbyshire Peaks that started and finished at his Pub's front door.

The area even featured on BBC TV's Countryfile, along with our Graham.

Happy memories...



Sharon Rowlands



tonic stresses grinding together rocks and releasing piezoelectric energy into the sky in the form of plasma.

The programme then moved on to the alleged cover-up regarding the Berwyn Mountains Incident. Huw Lloyd, son of the farmer whose Land Rover was borrowed by Sergeant Roberts, believes that a cover-up did, in fact, take place. Nick Pope doesn't think so. Reports of what the programme called Men-In-Black interviewing witnesses in Landrillo (although none of those interviewed described them as such on camera) were, according to Dr Roger Musson of the British Geological Survey, seismologists sent to check out the earthquake reports.

Locals reported that army personnel arrived and deployed on the mountain, apparently searching for something. A Landrillo fireman said that the area became a virtual no-go area for a while. Andy Roberts explained sagely that what they saw was a three-man team from RAF Valley and this trio was mistaken for a 'huge military presence searching for a crashed UFO'.

Local newspapers reported that army vehicles had been seen with soldiers loading large, black boxes. Then in 1996, a former soldier, going under the pseudonym of James Prescott, claimed in *UFO Magazine* that he had been part of a unit that had extracted the bodies of two dead aliens from the mountain and whisked them off to Porton Down. Elfed Roberts and Andy Roberts doubt that this story is true, citing

technical and operational difficulties in getting vehicles up and down the mountain. Andy suggested that a helicopter would have been used rather than trucks. Nick Pope agreed, saying that he never heard a whiff of UFOs or aliens being connected with the Incident.

The programme solved nothing about the Berwyn Mountains Incident and believers (i.e. the people who saw what happened that night and shortly afterwards) and sceptics remain at loggerheads about the case. To quote a popular member of the UFO DATA forum: "Next!"

The next episode stayed in Wales and cast a critical eye over the infamous **Broad Haven Triangle**. Broad Haven is a coastal town in Pembrokeshire, South Wales and in 1977 became the global focus for UFO researchers.

On February 4th, 1977, young David Davies was playing with his friends when they noticed something in the

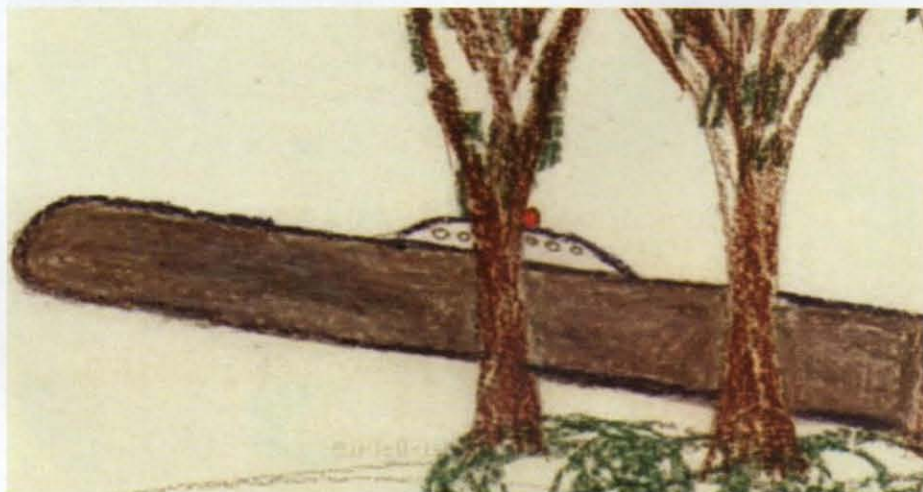
field behind their school. He said that a silver, cigar-shaped object, about the size of a bus, 'popped-up' from behind the trees and appeared as though it was trying to take-off. It paused for a few seconds and then dropped back down behind the trees. The kids ran inside and told of what they had seen. Their head teacher sat them down and asked them to draw what it was that they had witnessed.

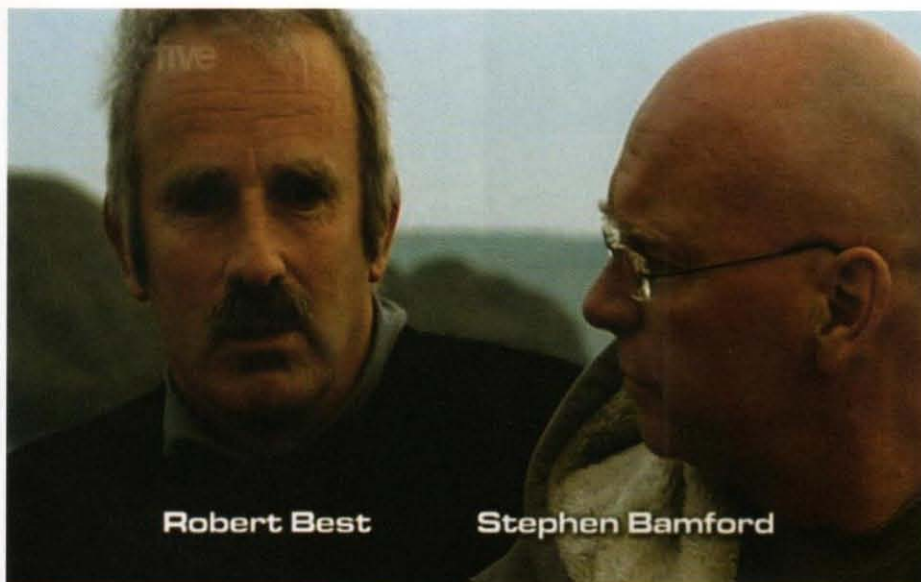
Hugh Turnbull, a reporter for the *Western Telegraph* went to the school and asked David Davies to show him where they had seen the object. Hugh and David could find no tracks in the field to suggest a vehicle had been there and David noted that a telegraph pole cross-member had been dislodged and was at about forty-five degrees.

Liz Philpott, an administrator at the school, thought that what the children might have seen was a tanker truck from the nearby sewage works. Speaking to an employee of the works soon discounted that theory. She was told that a tanker truck could not get into the field in question.

Hugh ran the story and the school became the focus of worldwide attention.

That was not the end of the story, however. A few miles away, in the village of Herbrandston, Maureen Dytor was taking in some fresh air one night when she saw a 'cylindrical object with lights' zip across the sky in seconds. In Little Haven, Dorothy Cale was in a car one evening as a passenger. She described a series of very bright flashes that lit up the whole village. The driver hit the





Robert Best

Stephen Bamford

brakes when they saw a very bright light that appeared to have a glass dome. As they watched silently, the object flashed and vanished.

Astronomer Ian Ridpath glibly suggested that what was seen could have been a bright star or a planet.

Stephen Bamford and Robert Best saw a segmented, orange object, moving from 'right to left' one evening. They set out and drove towards it, in the hope of finding out what it was. As they watched, the object collapsed in on itself and disappeared. They discounted ideas such as the Moon or ships at sea and are still baffled by what they saw.

Professor Chris French admitted that multiple witness sightings should be taken more seriously than those where only a single person saw something. He added, though, that when people see things, they talk about them and stories can become interlaced.

The police and newspapers continued to receive reports from the area between Broad Haven, Milford Haven and Haverfordwest and a bone fide flap had begun. Dr David Clarke explained about flaps, citing the UK's first one at Warminster, in Wiltshire.

The Warminster events began on Christmas Day in 1964. John Rimmer, editor of *Magonia* magazine, told us about strange hammerings, shakings and mechanical noises

going overhead. By May 1965, sightings of lights over Warminster had begun and famed researcher, Arthur Shuttlewood, gave the world 'The Warminster Thing'. Following Shuttlewood's newspaper reports, dozens of skywatchers would spend each evening on the hills around Warminster hoping to catch a glimpse of something.

Kevin Goodman was one of those skywatchers and described the



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munity spirit that arose during the long, dark hours of observations. He told of how he saw four red lights, spaced evenly apart, crossed the landscape before the lead object shot upwards at tremendous speed. It then made a ninety-degree turn and shot out of sight. About thirty seconds later the remaining three lights shot straight up into the sky.

Warminster is surrounded by military facilities of all kinds and the locals are familiar with the armed forces going about their business. Were aliens interested in these bases or were people seeing military activity from these various installations?

RAF Brawdy lies close to Broad Haven. Squadron Leader Tony Cowan explained that activity from the base could have explained some of the sightings in South Wales. Dorothy Cale said that what she witnessed was definitely not anything from the Brawdy airfield. She was quite used to seeing activity from the base. Squadron Leader Cowan admitted that there were some reports that remain a mystery.

Former RAF engineer, Gordon Bowden, explained that while regular aircraft activity can be misidentified as something mysterious, he has personally seen something that he cannot explain. On two occasions, he saw lights out to sea that accelerated with 'impossible' speed. He said that he knew of no aircraft at the time that could change direction so rapidly without killing the pilots.

Close to RAF Brawdy was a top secret facility that was once operated by the US Navy.

Mentioning the Americans gave us the chance to look at the Lakenheath Incident from 1956. US personnel at RAF Lakenheath and RAF Bentwaters saw something strange on their radar screens. Fighters were scrambled to intercept. David Clarke continued the story of how RAF Neatishead also picked up the unknown contacts. Numerous fighters were sent out and two gave chase, but failed to intercept or identify the objects. Dr Clarke admitted that the case has never been explained. Then there was the big one: The Rendlesham Forest Incident. We all know this story from 1980 about lights being seen in the woods between RAF Woodbridge and RAF Bentwaters and Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt's venture through trees, recording the audio as he went and the subsequent memo. Nick Pope thinks it's a supremely important case, while Ian Ridpath thinks it was Orford Ness lighthouse. Pope disagrees, saying that in no way could the lighthouse be mistaken for anything else. Ridpath countered with an explanation consisting of a meteoric fireball. "If it was nothing more than a lighthouse and a fireball, why were the base personnel not allowed to talk about it?" asked Anthony Head.



Anyway, back to Broad Haven and the top secret US Navy facility. When the base was decommissioned, it was revealed that it had simply been monitoring Soviet submarine activity and housed only computers and stuff. Mystery solved, then. Well, not really, because strange things were still happening.

Dozens of reports of silver-suited figures landed on the desk of local bobby, Ernest Jones. One in particular made the headlines. It came from the Coombs family at Ripperston Farm. The Coombs' story has become infamous and they no longer wish to discuss what happened to them thirty years ago. Ernest, though, picked up the story from his perspective. He received a call from them and went out to the farm. He was told that a silvery figure had been seen close to the window and it had terrified the family to such a degree that the policeman made arrangements for them to spend the night elsewhere.

David Clarke found that the Ministry of Defence (MoD) had found the reports from Broad Haven intriguing and they had made discreet enquiries into the events there. They came to the conclusion that 'a local prankster' was behind some of the events, particularly the silver-suited figure.

Glyn Edwards, a businessman from Milford Haven, owned up to being the culprit. He had cobbled together a silver spacesuit for a fancy dress dinner and decided to lurch about the village, scaring any local people that stumbled across him. He denied ever visiting Ripperston Farm, however.

As with all flaps, the sightings diminished and the press moved on, but the mystery remained. Again, those who witnessed these things stand by their stories, but the sceptics claim to know better.

Next up was a case that involved Yorkshire retired Police officer **Alan Godfrey**.

On the night of November 28th, 1980, PC Godfrey was investigating a report of cattle wandering around a Todmorden, West Yorkshire. As he drove along a damp Burnley Road, he saw what he thought was a staff bus that had skidded across the road. As he drew closer, though, it became apparent that this was not what he was looking at.

He described a diamond-shaped object with a rotating lower section. He tried contacting the station using both of his radios, VHF car radio and his UHF handheld radio, but neither worked. He decided to make a sketch of the object. Then there was a brilliant flash and he was further along the road driving. He glanced in his mirror, but the object was gone. He pulled up and got out of the car. Checking the area where the object had been, he saw that it was dry in a circular or whirlpool

pattern, as though the rotating section of the craft had agitated leaves and twigs into this pattern.

Puzzled, Alan returned to the police station. He told his colleague, Malcolm Agley, what he had seen and Malcolm saw no reason to disbelieve him, having known Alan for six years.

While at the station, Alan realised that about half an hour of time could not be accounted for. He also found that the sole of his boot was split across. He also had an irritating itch on his foot. On removing his sock, he found a circular red mark on his instep that was very itchy.

The next day, he was told by an inspector that three officers in nearby Halifax had also had some sort of encounter. Asked for a statement for the inspector's report, Alan was pleased that he was not alone in having something bizarre happen the previous night.

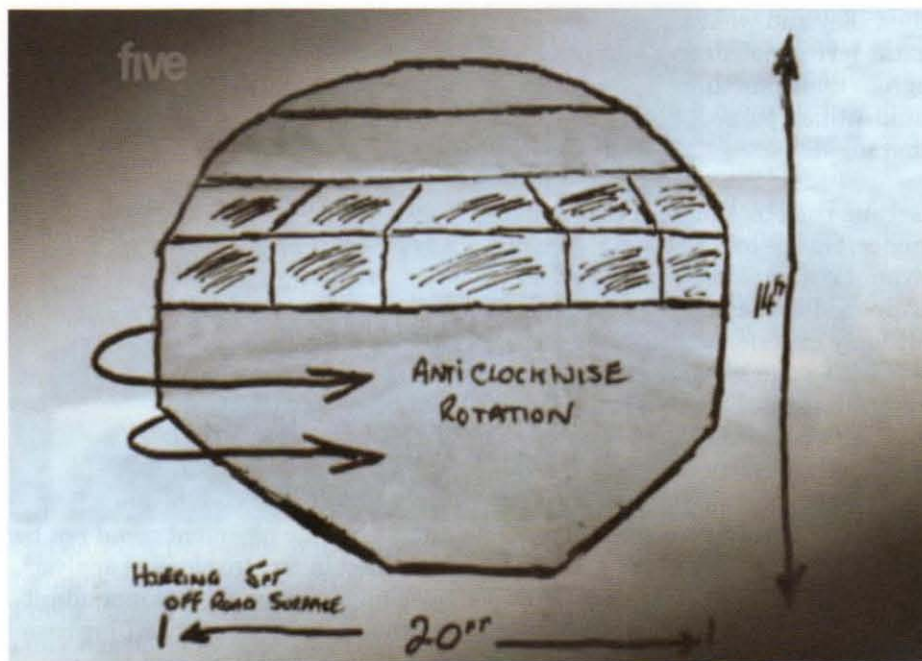
The three police officers in Halifax had been out searching for stolen motorbikes when they saw in the sky a 'cold-steel, blue light'. One of the policemen, John Porter,

described the light as pulsating and darting about the sky incredibly quickly in complete silence. As with Alan Godfrey's experience, their radios were non-functioning. John said that WPC Julie Baxter admitted to be very scared. PC Howard Turnpenny, like John, was intrigued, but not afraid. As

they watched, the light shot off towards Todmorden. John said, "It was completely alien to my understanding."

Two police officers in Littleborough, some five miles from Todmorden, reported seeing a glowing orb hovering between two electricity pylons.





The object then headed in the direction of Todmorden.

The late Seventies and early Eighties saw UFO sightings double. The programme connects this trend with the release of films like *Star Wars* and *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.

Jenny Randles investigated the Alan Godfrey case for the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA). She met Alan and felt that he was a 'no-nonsense bobby' who would not have reported anything unless he was certain of what he had seen.

Andy Roberts felt that Alan entered 'some form of altered state of consciousness' and that what he saw was actually a bus, but he interpreted it as a UFO. Alan described the object as having two rows of windows. Like a bus. Hmmmm...

Alan refuted that, explaining that what he saw was hovering off the ground, had no wheels, was a metallic colour and had black panelling or dark windows. "I know the difference between a bus and what I saw that night." He added, "If I had got out of the car and thrown a brick at it, it

would have gone 'clang'! That's how real it was."

What about the sighting in Halifax? Could that have a rational explanation? Dr Ian Griffin, who used to work for NASA, but now researches asteroids from his home in Todmorden, thinks so. He cited the planet Venus, meteorites and aircraft as likely candidates. We should also consider earthlights, said Dr David Clarke, who undertook a study of the phenomenon called *Project Pennine*. Dr Clarke suggests that these lights follow fault lines or natural magnetic variations and can be mistaken for intelligently-controlled craft.

David Clarke looked into MoD reports about the police sightings on the night of November 28th, 1980. He found the report from John Porter and his colleagues, but nothing about Alan Godfrey's sighting. Dr Clarke mused if this incident just too weird to pass on to the Ministry.

UFO DATA Magazine co-editor and serving police officer, Detective Constable Gary Heseltine, has compiled a database of UFO reports from police officers. He believes that police testimony should be regarded very highly concerning UFOs. Andy Roberts stated that police officers tend to see a lot of UFOs because they are out at night very often.

Between 1970 and 2000, there were over 700 UFO reports filed by police officers. David Clarke admitted that when a police officer makes a report about something they have seen in the sky that might be a UFO, it is not something they will do lightly, as it could have an impact upon their career.

In 1976, PC Patrick Tunney saw something bizarre in Wakefield, West Yorkshire. PC Tunney described three green lights gliding towards him at an altitude of about 150 feet. Suddenly, the lights banked left and streaked away.

Jenny Randles felt that Alan Godfrey's case cemented the Pennine region's reputation as a genuine and major hotspot for UFO activity. Eighteen months before Alan's encounter, orange lights had been observed speeding across the skies of



Lancashire.

In the early hours of November 24th, 1979, Mike Sachs saw a bright light illuminate his bedroom. Through the window, he saw a huge, ovoid, pulsating orange-white light. As he watched, it descended into a nearby quarry.

The same night, Alf Kyme also saw a bright object, 'the size of two double-decker buses', pulsating different colours, but mostly orange. The object moved across the sky and descended towards the quarry.

Mike Sachs phoned Bacup police and was told that two officers had also seen the light in the quarry. Mike and his brother went to the quarry and found the policemen still there. They confirmed that they had also seen the orange object and feared that it was coming down on top of them! The four men checked out the quarry, but nothing out of the ordinary could be seen.

That night, between 2:30 and 2:50 am, over a dozen sightings came in from Lancashire and Merseyside. Dr Ian Griffin suggested a satellite re-entry may have been the culprit, while Andy Roberts thought they were aircraft. Our own Russel Callaghan admitted that while ninety-nine percent of cases can be explained away, there is a small number that remain mysterious even after considerable investigation.

The MoD released a statement that between February 21st and 24th, 1979, military exercises resulted in aircraft flying low over the UK. Had Mike Sachs and Alf Kyme seen such an exercise? Mike thinks not because he sees all sorts of aircraft flying over

the valley and what he saw was extra-terrestrial. Jenny Randles agrees that something genuinely unidentified passed over the area that night.

Getting back to Alan Godfrey's experience, we are told that he declined hypnotic regression to find out what happened in the missing half-hour. His only experience with hypnosis was with stage hypnotists using it as entertainment. Eventually, though, he was persuaded and was hypnotised in the presence of two psychiatrists, and, coincidentally, Mike Sachs. No details were given of Alan's case, except that he was to be regressed to a certain date and time to try and recover information about an incident that may or may not have happened. Mike described the atmosphere in the room as electric.

Under hypnosis, Alan described being taken aboard the craft by alien beings. Andy Roberts admits that when a police officer says this sort of thing, it should be taken more seriously. Professor Chris French, though, believes that under hypnosis people become confused with what is real and what is fantasy.

Alan Godfrey and Malcolm Agley were also connected with another mystery that may or may not be connected with UFOs - the case of Zygmund Adamski.

On June 11th, 1980, Alan and Malcolm were sent out to investigate a body that had been found on a heap of coal at a local yard. Neither policeman could understand how the body got where it was without disturbing the coal beneath it. The body was that of a retired

coalminer, Zygmund Adamski. Mr Adamski was from Tingley, near Wakefield and had disappeared five days earlier.

Alan explained that if Mr Adamski had climbed the heap and died, he should have been covered with coal dust, yet he was not. He had burn marks around the back of his head and a blister at the nape of his neck, where some form of green ointment had been applied.

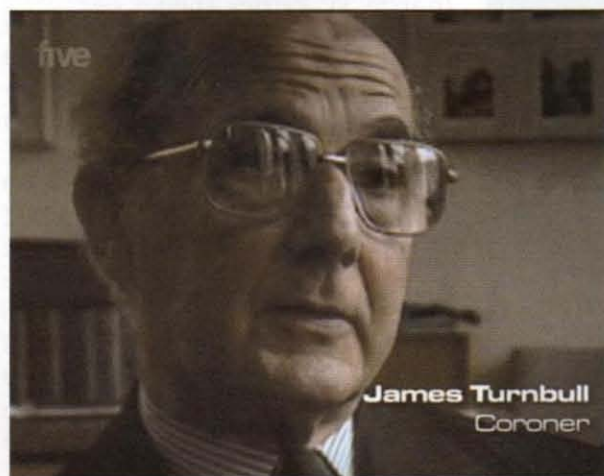
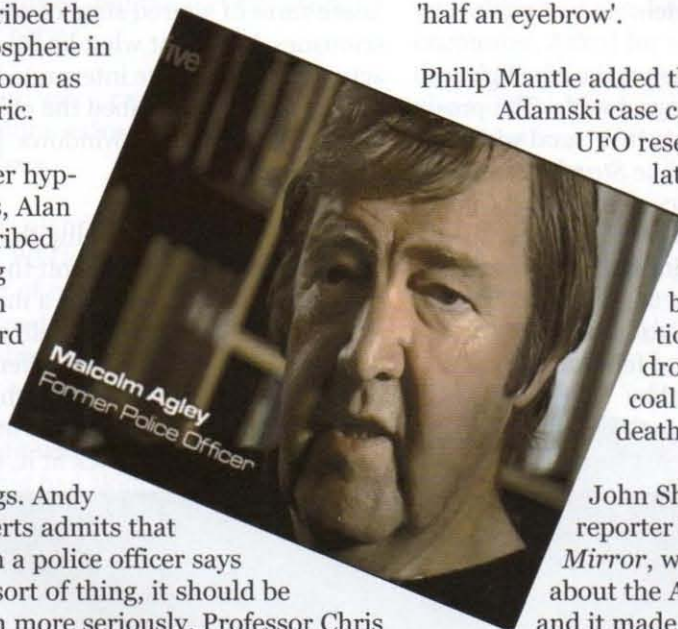
The coroner, James Turnbull, found that Mr Adamski had died of a heart attack, but the ointment could not be identified in any toxicological analysis. Speaking in 1993, the coroner admitted that it was his most baffling case and if UFOs had been said to be involved, he would only have raised 'half an eyebrow'.

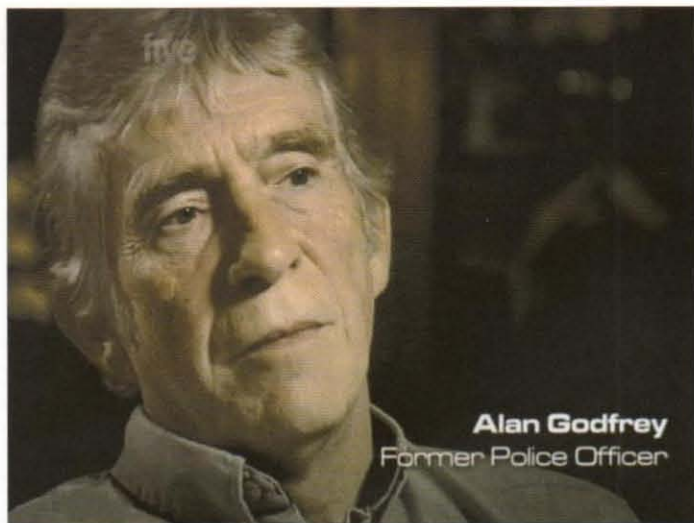
Philip Mantle added that when the Adamski case came to light, UFO researchers speculated that Mr Adamski had been the victim of a botched abduction and was dropped onto the coal heap after his death.

John Sheard, a reporter for the *Sunday Mirror*, wrote an article about the Adamski case and it made the front page with the headline: AMAZING UFO DEATH RIDDLE. The article resulted in the newspaper being deluged with thousands of letters and hundreds of phone calls from interested parties across the world. John also wrote about Alan Godfrey's experience, saying that individually, the stories are fascinating, but together, with the possible connections, they are 'dynamite'.

Andy Roberts pops up, suggesting that while Alan's encounter may have been real to him, that does not make it real in fact. Yeah, you said that earlier, Andy...

Alan Godfrey and John Porter are reunited and have a good laugh at the thought of Alan being asleep or hallucinating his entire experience.





"I'd only left the police station five minutes earlier!" he exclaimed. Philip Mantle agreed that Alan's story has never changed and that he had more to lose than to gain from telling it. This puts it up there as a classic case from British ufology.

David Clarke adds that it does not add up that swarms of alien ships are zipping across the universe to visit us, while Ian Griffin remarks that he has not come across any UFO sighting that cannot be explained. Alan Godfrey, John Porter, Mike Sachs and Alf Kyme disagree.

The final episode investigated the most recent case featured in the series, that of the **Guernsey UFO**.

On April 23rd, 2007, Captain Ray Bowyer took off from Southampton Airport on a routine Aurigny Air Services passenger flight (Flight GR544) to Alderney in the Channel Islands. He had flown the same route for ten years, but today would be different.

As he busied himself with the various duties that pilots do, paperwork, checking the instruments, checking the flightpath etc., he saw a yellowish light in the direction of Guernsey, the second largest of the Channel Islands. At first he suspected it might be sunlight reflecting from greenhouses.

When the object had not disappeared after several minutes, as you might expect sunlight reflecting from a stationary object to do, he grabbed his binoculars for a closer look. He described it as a disc-shape, pointed at each end and brilliant yellow,

except for a dark band about two-thirds of the way along its length. Ray's passengers also saw the object and could tell that the pilot was concerned, although he did not voice this to them.

Ray contacted Air Traffic Control (ATC) in Jersey, the largest of the

Channel Islands. The actual recording of the conversation with Paul Kelly at Jersey ATC was then played. Ray, in a very calm voice, said that there was a bright object in his twelve o'clock position (directly ahead), describing it as cigar-shaped, and asked if they had any traffic in that area of the sky. Paul replied that there was no air traffic at Ray's twelve o'clock position. By this time, Ray's plane had been flying towards the object for ten minutes.

Ray handed his binoculars to a passenger and asked him to confirm what he was seeing. The passenger did so and added that another object had appeared in addition to the first. John and Kate Russell, two of the passengers also confirmed that a pair of bright objects was directly ahead of them.

Captain Bowyer estimated that the objects were about the size of a Boeing 737 airliner, assuming that they were approximately five to ten miles away. He later concluded that he had first seen them from about fifty-five miles distance, making the objects much, much larger, perhaps a mile across.

Paul Kelly reiterated that nothing was ahead of Ray's plane for at least forty miles. The pilot of a Blue Islands Airways plane came on the radio and confirmed that an object

was in the vicinity. Ray was relieved to arrive safely and on time at Alderney airport. Once they were safely parked, Ray admitted to his passengers that what they had seen was something he had not experienced in over twenty years of flying. The sighting had obviously affected him because one of the ground crew told him that he looked like he had seen a ghost!

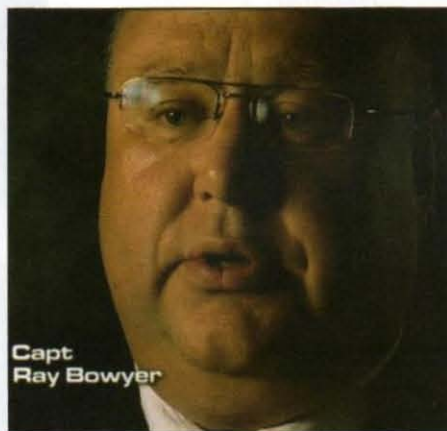
At Jersey ATC, Paul Kelly filled in the forms necessary when a UFO is reported and he asked Captain Bowyer to fax him the notes that he had taken during the flight. Paul said that on the form, there is a phone number for the MoD and when you dial it, you get an answering machine. Paul faxed his report to the Ministry and waited to see what happened.

News of the sighting spread around the islands and Joel de Woolfson, of the *Guernsey Press*, contacted Ray. The newspaper reported the sighting seriously and word spread, soon reaching the national media, both print and broadcast, with Ray appearing on popular talk show, *Richard & Judy*.

Dr David Clarke found the case fascinating and offered to investigate the sighting. Ray had had many offers from researchers to look into the report, but he waited until he felt that somebody could perform an unbiased assessment of his experience.

Dr Clarke assembled a team and they began looking at alternative explanations for what Ray, his passengers and the Blue Islands pilot had seen.

Meanwhile, atmospheric physicist, Dr Grant Allen, had created a computer model of the weather patterns for that day and found that there was a temperature inversion that could have created the illusion witnessed. Ray is convinced that what he saw was not an atmospheric effect. What he was 'was tangible'.



Troy Queripel, a pilot for Flybe, believed that what Ray saw was real, but was of military origin. He pointed out that there are restricted military airspace zones around the Channel Islands and that what the Aurigny pilot may have seen was a secret test program.

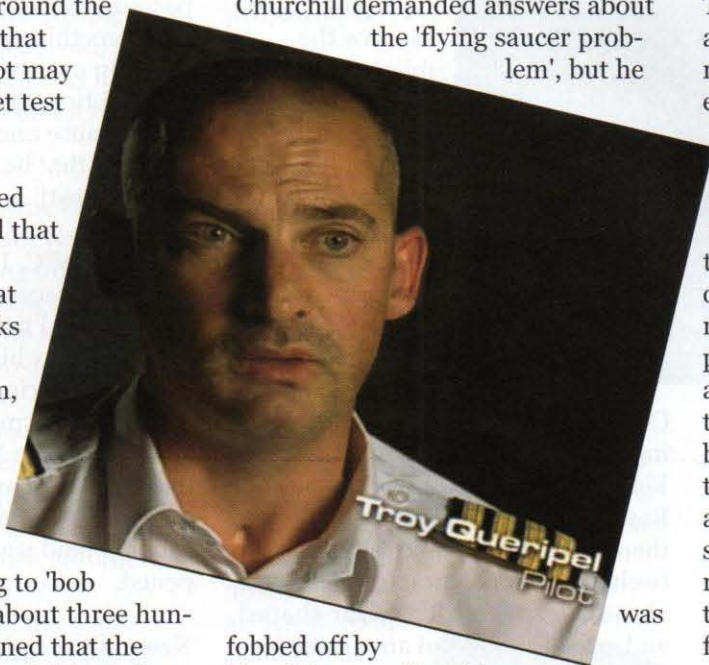
David Clarke contacted the MoD, who denied that any military activity occurred in the area at that time. Seven weeks earlier, Alderney builder, Paul Gaudion, was alone at the northern tip of the island at about 6:30 am. He saw two lights just below the cloud base, appearing to 'bob about' at a height of about three hundred feet. Paul explained that the only aircraft normally visible at that time would be the plane carrying newspapers to Guernsey. Suddenly one of the lights darted to the west and when Paul looked to where it had gone, he could see about twenty similar lights in a 'broken arrow-head shape'. This group of objects was moving silently south below the cloud base towards Guernsey.

Professor Peter Sammond, of University College London, believed that what might have been seen were earthlights. Four days after Ray's sighting, Kent was rocked by the largest earthquake in the region for fifty years. Alderney lies close to a fault line called the Alderney-Ushant fault. Could the build-up to the earthquake have generated the forces necessary to create the earthlight phenomenon over the island? Professor Sammond admits that earthlights are unlikely to form over water, as the energy requires to be released directly into the atmosphere.

It was then time for one of the series' little detours. In June, 1954, Captain James Howard was flying his BOAC Stratocruiser from New York to London when he sighted something bizarre in the sky. He explained in a BBC news report from the time that he saw an object that changed shape and that he was convinced it was under intelligent control. Best-selling

author and UFO researcher, Timothy Good, explained that pilot sightings from the UK began in about 1950 and peaked in 1952. Winston

Churchill demanded answers about the 'flying saucer problem', but he



was

fobbed off by his advisors, telling him that everything was under control and all the sightings had been explained. The reports continued to come in, though.

In October, 1954, Flight-Lieutenant James Salandin took off in his twin-engined Meteor jet from RAF North Weald in Essex. When he reached 16,000 feet, he saw three objects 'come down'. At first he thought they were aeroplanes, but when he was about 800 yards away from them, two of them peeled-off to the left. One was silver in colour, while the other was gold and both were saucer-shaped with 'buns' on top and below. The third object closed to within 200 or 300 yards before moving away to follow the other two craft. Salandin attempted to follow them, but they were too fast.



Professor Richard Wiseman believes that when pilots see strange phenomena in the sky, it all happens too fast for them to report it accurately. They may be honest and sincere, but are they accurate? Ray had twelve minutes to watch the objects he encountered.

David Clarke listened to the ATC recordings of Captain Bowyer's sighting and heard Paul Kelly say that there was an object at Ray's ten o'clock position and about three miles away. Could this be what the pilot was looking at? It was explained as anaprop or anomalous propagation. This is when radar is deflected by atmospheric phenomena, reflections from the sea, solid objects such as flocks of birds or many other sources. Dr Clarke had the radar recordings analysed to see if anything concrete could be obtained from them. More of that in a bit...

First, we made another detour to another pilot sighting from 1971. Wing-Commander Alan Turner was, at the time, a Duty Military Supervisor at RAF Sopley in Hampshire. He was informed of an odd radar return of a pair of objects east of Salisbury Plain and travelling south-east. As they watched, more blips appeared on the screen, all from the same location. In all, he said there must have been thirty to thirty-five contacts.

Alan concluded that the only aircraft capable of the speeds being shown were the English Electric Lightning fighters, but Alan cannot imagine all of those aircraft being deployed at the same time in the same area. The Wing-Commander

ordered two Canberra bombers, which were inbound from Germany, to vector towards the blips and one of the pilots reported in a jittery voice, "I don't know what that was. It

was a quarter of a mile away, climbing like the clappers and we saw it on radar. We did not see it visually."

Alan, reported that, in all, seven different radar stations (six on the ground and the one in the Canberra) detected these objects. He gathered together all of the video and audio recordings and made the appropriate entries into his log. More than thirty years later, the MoD has not made those recordings or Alan's log public. David Clarke suggested that the Ministry may have just been baffled by what happened and simply did not want the public to know that they had no clue.

Back to Ray Bowyer's sighting: the Jersey ATC engineers had analysed the radar recordings and stripped away all known radar contacts. This left two traces that were yet to be identified, one travelling north, the other south.

After checking timetables, David Clarke's team came to the conclusion that at least one of the radar tracks was of a ferry on a regular run across the Channel. The final report about Captain Bowyer's sighting, however, was inconclusive. David suggests that rather than calling what Ray saw a UFO, it should be classed as a UAP, an Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon, something that is natural in origin, but is yet to be understood by science.

Ray admitted that he was disappointed that Dr Clarke's team had come to no definite conclusions about the case. His final words emphasised his belief that what he saw 'was not from



around here'.

This four-part series was very well-made and appeared to give believers and sceptics equal opportunity to get their points across. It is good that network television stations are prepared to broadcast programmes of this nature and while Channel 5's ratings are nowhere near that of BBC1 or ITV, it still was able to bring the UFO subject to a wider audience in a serious manner.

As with all programmes of this nature, it might be naïve to expect any definite answers about the topics discussed and we certainly did not get any answers at all from this series, only the reporting of mysteries that have yet to be solved. That is

the nature of the beast in the UFO field and paranormal issues in general. It is difficult to bolt on solid, scientific strictures to phenomena that are, at best, transient and unrepeatable. Even when we have solid evidence, such as radar traces or multiple eyewitnesses, we still have a certain amount of uncertainty in how to evaluate that information. Different people will have a different perspective on what that data is telling us. So we are back to square one with a mystery.

Top marks for trying, though.

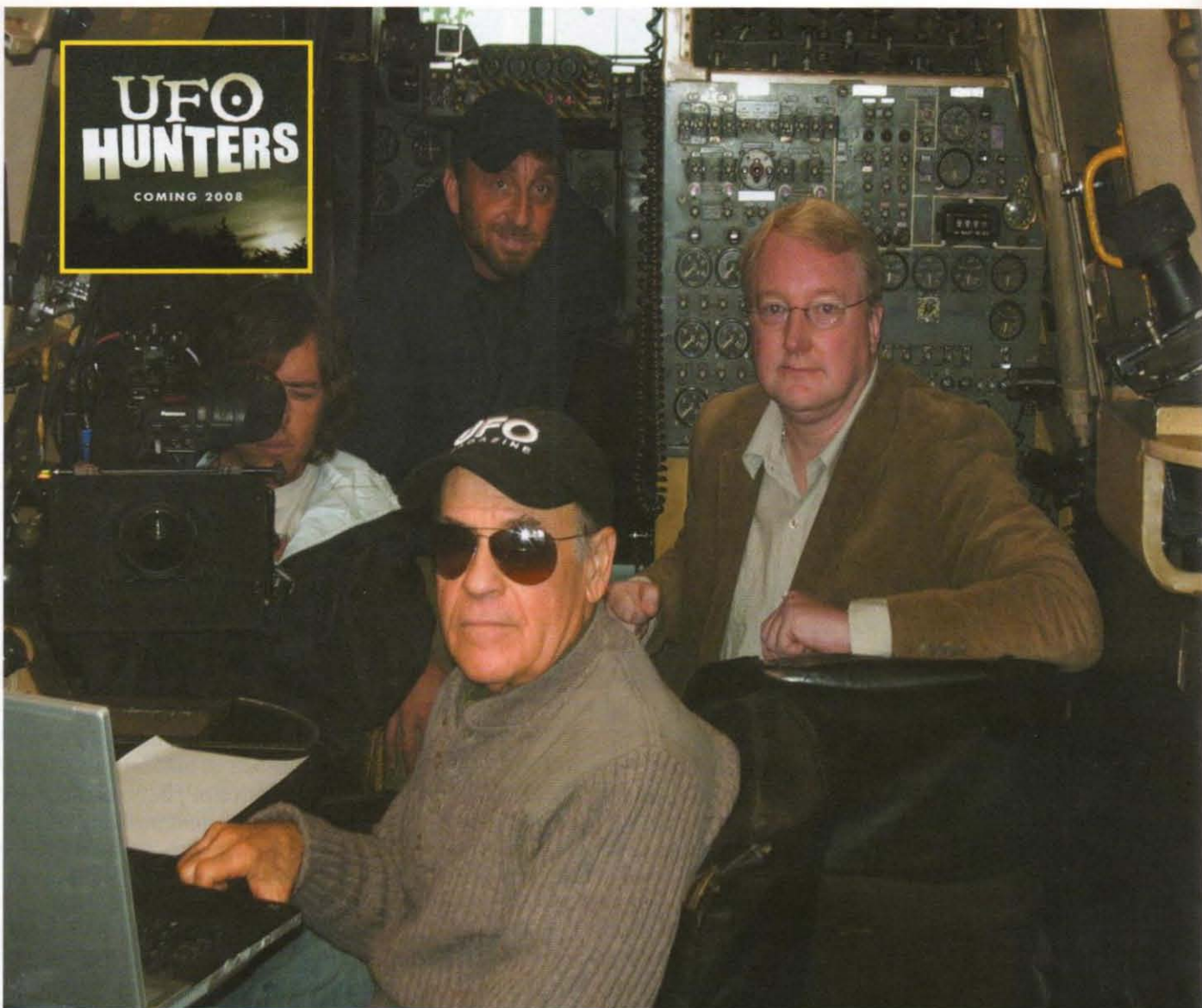
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Footnote: The report into Captain Bowyer's sighting by Dr Clarke's team can be viewed at <http://www.guernsey.uk-ufo.org:80/>

Coincidentally, I stumbled across a YouTube video of what I believe is Ray's plane coming in to land at Alderney airport in March 2007, just a month or so before his sighting. It can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gSFS8NmuOAM>

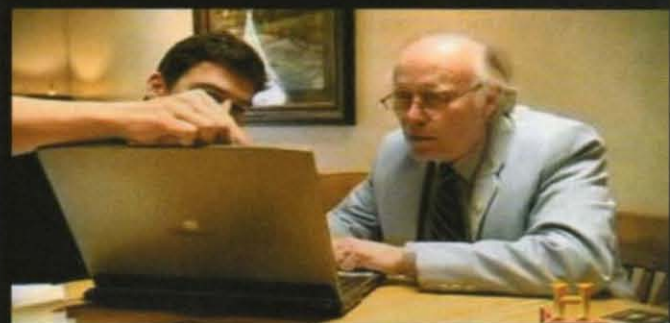
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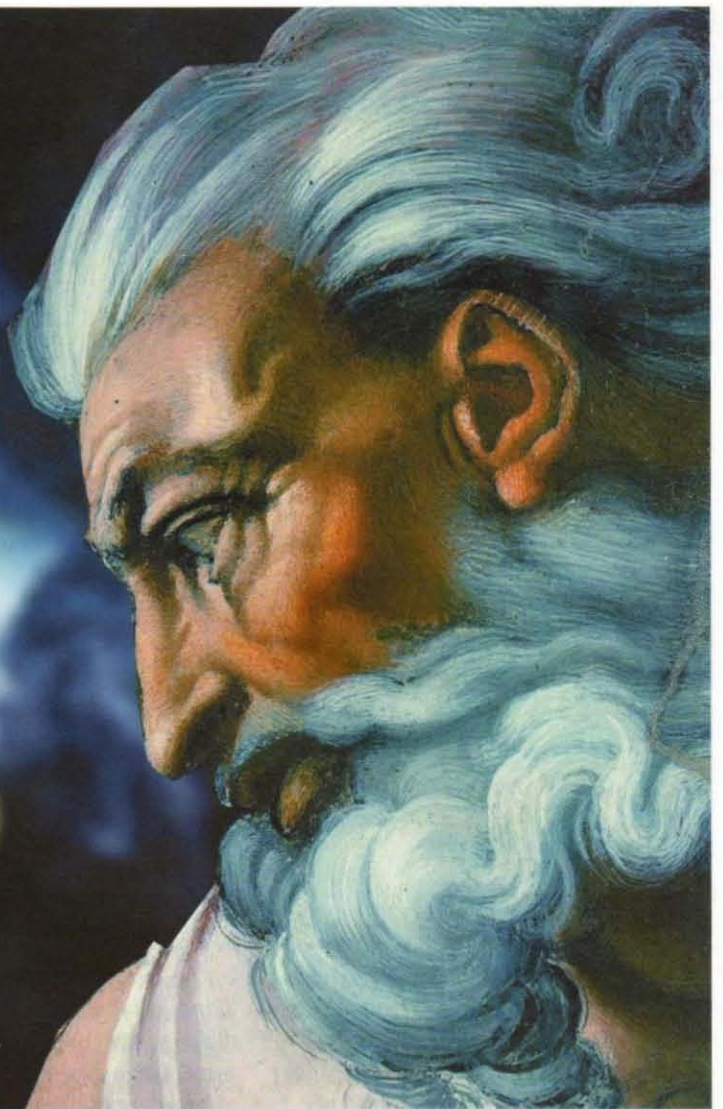
THE UFO HUNTERS

UFO DATA MAGAZINE's features editor, Philip Mantle, has recently assisted with and has been interviewed for the American TV show, *UFO HUNTERS*. This show, now in its second season, is fronted by Bill Birnes, UFO researcher and published of *UFO MAGAZINE* in the USA. Philip was recommended for the show by *UFO DATA MAGAZINE* columnist, Nick Pope. The series producer Dave Pavoni was very interested in the June 8th sighting by the crew of the Police Support Unit helicopter in Cardiff, South Wales. Philip helped supply contacts of various witnesses and UFO researchers in the area, many of whom have now been interviewed by the *UFO Hunters* crew. Apparently this series will see at least one, possibly two segments dedicated to the UFO events in the UK this summer. Philip was interviewed on Friday September 5th at the Museum of Science and Industry (Air and Space Division) in Manchester. Philip gave a brief overview of some of the events that had happened in the UK this summer but also briefly spoke about the 1993 Cosford Incident and F15 audio recording which featured in *UFO DATA*'s May-June 2007 issue. As yet we have no broadcast date for this segment but we will keep you posted. Unfortunately the *UFO Hunters* series has not yet been broadcast in the UK but it can be seen on YouTube.



CHILDREN OF THE GODS

Brian Allan



'Children of the Gods? Are We Evolving Into a Higher State?

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I hold no particular views on the related subjects of the so-called 'Indigo Children', 'Crystalline Children', the 'Super Psychic Chinese Children' and the rather disconcertingly named, 'Children of Aids', but they have apparently caught both the attention and imagination of a relatively large number of people within the New Age and UFO movements and, as such, are worthy of serious consideration. Since I keep an open mind on all areas of the paranormal I can accept the rationale behind their existence, but, as a serious investigator, I cannot unquestioningly accept the claims made about them. For this reason, although I shall present the reader

with evidence, both pro and con, I have attempted to remain neutral and leave them to decide for themselves whether the occurrence is genuine or only present in the imaginations of the parents of the children and the people who originally popularised the notion. We will first consider what is perhaps the most widespread example of this recent phenomenon, i.e. the 'Indigo Children'.

The Indigo Children

Imagine if you will the unnatural emotional situation faced by any normal human mother (or indeed father) of yielding up the satisfaction, joy and fulfilment of parenthood to the rather queasy feeling that their child is not entirely human and may, to all intents and purposes, be non-terrestrial. Such is one of the more extreme scenarios faced by those who have accepted that their offspring belong to the so-called 'Indigo Children', babies that, although born

naturally of human parents, are in some instances credited with being children of the stars. Their parents are relegated to little more than surrogates charged with their earthly welfare and upbringing until such times as they are able to look after themselves. The children unfailingly appear to possess exotic talents and abilities, chief among these is the facility to channel information from their real 'parents' coupled to a range of psychic powers including healing and natural telepathy. In some ways they are reminiscent of the unearthly children featured in John Wyndham's excellent book, *The Midwich Cuckoos* (later adapted for the screen as a series of films beginning with *Village of The Damned*), although so far their mission, if that is what it is, unlike that of the children of Midwich, is apparently benign. It should be made clear that in some cases where these children have been identified, the parents seem quick to advertise if not actually exploit the situation.



All this may be so, but a word of caution, it may be reasonable to wonder if in such cases the parents are attempting to fit a template of their own design onto the instinctive actions, words and possibly neurological condition of their child. A less extreme interpretation of Indigo Children views them as bricks in a spiritual wall designed to bring about a sea change in human evolution, a claim not uncommon in the New Age paradigm. Their 'talents' in this version of the story tend to involve enhanced empathy and often creativity, admittedly two attributes that are badly needed in the self-centred, hedonistic, divisive and largely compassionless society in which we now live. The trouble is if the child is encouraged to accept that they are in some way special or different, whether they are or not they will quite naturally come to believe it is so, which is something we will return to a little later.

It should be noted that these children are not described as being 'Indigo' because they are coloured blue, but rather because they were named 'Indigos' by Nancy Ann Tappe, a 'synesthete' and psychic, who first coined the term in her 1982

book, *Understanding Your Life Through Colour*. Chief among her claims was that she could discern the aura, (or nebulous cocoon of 'life energy', roughly analogous to the electromagnetic field that is emitted by any functioning electrical device), that allegedly surrounds each and every one of us. The condition of synesthesia is a relatively harmless neurological dysfunction causing the sufferer to 'see' or perceive sounds as colours and vice versa, in effect the internal 'wiring' of the brain is not 100% correct. A similar phenomenon was regularly reported, particularly in the 1960s, by users of psychoactive substances like LSD, who regularly described 'seeing the sounds' and 'listening to the pretty colours' while under the effects of the drug. According to Ms Tappe, she began to notice a preponderance of children possessing indigo auras during the late 1970s and currently estimates that approximately 60% people aged between 14 and 25 are indigo. More significant is her remarkable assertion that 97% of pre-teen children are also Indigo.

It is well to consider at this point that claims of individuals who are (or were) here on earth to assist in a

spiritual revolution are not new and many iconic and inspirational figures such as Christ, Mohammed, Abraham, Buddha, Osiris, Tammuz and many other spiritual leaders were sent to save the human race from its own failings. All of them, according to the era and society they arrived in, were able to convert huge numbers of people to their cause and, indeed, the majority still command disciples and believers numbering in their tens of millions. It has to be noted that there still are a number of people who claim to be messiahs and with varying degrees of success attempt to lead their bands of followers to 'salvation'. Sadly, many of them appear to be cult leaders more interested in manipulating their flock for their own ends. Cults aside, this all sounds rather like a variant on Prof. Rupert Sheldrake's theory of 'Morphogenetic Fields' using the by now almost standard example of 'The Hundredth Monkey Syndrome', a concept which, broadly speaking, means that the more people who come to accept a new idea or practise, the more people are likely to display the same practise whether they are consciously learn it or not. In other words, according Prof. Sheldrake an invisible field of 'information energy' surrounds us, that in the right conditions percolates into us almost by a type of osmosis, or more correctly we inadvertently receive it like a radio or TV set.

As the numbers grow, the theory goes, we assimilate the knowledge and information with increasing speed until a 'tipping point' is reached and we as a race become as one, a gigantic gestalt being. If this is true then we may not necessarily benefit from such a 'gift', because it may serve agendas that are not in the best interests of the human race; like mind control. One is also tempted to draw comparisons with the concept of 'memes', or the proposition that certain good ideas, particularly ones that have a direct benefit on the individual and society in general, actually perpetuate themselves, almost as if they had sentience. This of course is a difficult type of logic to follow; it is rather like saying that a thermostat has intelligence because it performs a mechanical function in response to an increase or decrease in temperature, a conclusion that is tenuous at

best.

Although the concept of these supposedly unique children was invented by Ms Tappe, it became elevated to a place of prominence in the New Age psyche in the book, *The Indigo Children: The New Kids Have Arrived*, written in 1998 by Jan Tober and Lee Carroll. The source of the subject matter of this work was channelled from an entity called 'Kyron', evidently one of the so-called 'Ascended Masters'. According to Carroll and Tober, a married couple, when talking about their book in the wider community they tend not to mention the source of the information it contains, as, not surprisingly, they do not believe the potential audience and market for the book outside the New Age community would readily accept its validity.

Among the many traits associated with these children is a tendency to antisocial behaviour unless they are mixing with their peers, as a result of this their schooling is problematic. Added to this is their rejection of authority and an elevated sense of self-importance; another two factors that are less than conducive to conventional education. A less sympathetic and more pragmatic interpretation of these traits views these children as suffering from Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD), Obsessive-Compulsive

Disorder (OCD) and/or Autism. In most of these instances the conditions are treated using a range of drugs, but chiefly 'Ritalin', which is a type of amphetamine. However, a more conspiratorial mind may interpret this situation as the deliberate use of a 'chemical cosh' to subdue their development and prevent them developing their full potential, whatever that may be.

Undoubtedly the way many of these youngsters behave can be highly disruptive within a household and a cause of extreme frustration to their parents. One has to wonder how those that are convinced of their children 'specialness' and to be encouraged in what they do manage to maintain a degree of control over them. Or perhaps ADHD, OCD and Autism are subtly different from the tantrums and traumas exhibited by these Indigo Children. It has been suggested that parents who decide that their child is Indigo may actually cause harm to them by failing to recognise the previously mentioned conditions, but perhaps more cautiously this is connected to the insidious methods used to prevent their development and eventual flowering. As hinted at earlier is it possible that we are actually creating a new breed of evolved being because we want it to happen? Are the desires of those parents who choose to see their offspring as special and different actually bringing this about in some manner by causing the child to become what they imagine they should be and if so is it within the gift of humanity to think these beings into existence? If this is the case then surely it would be much simpler in the first place to excise evil and injustice from society by simply wishing it away? But perhaps not, maybe this is an oversimplification and there needs to be another agency involved.

Another issue to be addressed is the admitted fact that, as with the observations of Ms Tappe, there has indeed in recent years been a rapid increase in children diagnosed with ADHD etc, but this has been attributed to many factors including the increasing

level of toxins that surround us plus the large number of synthetic ingredients in the food that we eat. Or, is it possible that the change in diet has actually altered the genetic code of some children for the better, are we witnessing a new and benign genesis of the human race? It has also been suggested that the Indigo's tend to have poor sleep patterns and often stay awake for hours on end, only succumbing when they are literally out on their feet and, as already mentioned, they apparently possess paranormal abilities and heightened awareness. This should come as no real surprise, because there is at least one valid reason for it; the longer the brain is deprived of sleep, the greater the build up of serotonin, which is one of several powerful neurotransmitters mediated by sleep. It may be the reason why ghosts, phantoms and ETs are most often seen at night when levels are at their highest. Perhaps the neurology of Indigos is 'retuned' by elevated levels of serotonin permitting them access to impressions denied to the rest of us. This link leads us to yet another example of this phenomenon, the so-called 'Crystalline Children'.

The Clouded Crystal

Another manifestation of the desire to rise above our current level of human existence is the claimed appearance of another subgroup within the human species, that of the 'Crystalline Children', who display most and possibly more of the attributes ascribed to the Indigo's. This information arrives, once again, from the dubious and entirely unverifiable source of the 'Ascended Masters', and as previously mentioned with the Indigo's they are not entirely comfortable in the presence of any but their peers. Among their alleged talents is the ability see beyond the three (and possibly four assuming that time is a dimension) dimensions that govern our physical existence. They are, according to what is known about them, evidently attuned with the frequencies of light and it is hinted that they are, or will be, almost godlike in their abilities and bring with them truths that have become either lost or distorted beyond recognition over millions of years of human evolution.



Their DNA is in some way reprogrammed and in effect 'blueprinted', so that it is exactly as our progenitors intended. Their purpose is to re-harmonise the human race so that it resonates with 'The One', another reference to the gestalt that may, or may not, represent Cosmic Consciousness, in other words, a reinterpretation of the Eastern mantra that 'all is one' and the ancient Alchemical and Mystery School teaching of 'as above, so below'. In truth, these ostensibly 'new' belief systems are little more than retreads of aeons old wisdom and teachings and may be (more cynically) merely a moneymaking platform for the new gurus. All of this assumes that we are the product, not of natural selection, but of a deliberate and sustained act designed to produce the human race, whether this is through the direct intervention of some Creator God or otherwise is a moot point. Not that there is anything fundamentally wrong with this concept, it's just that as we have seen it is far from new.

The Crystalline Variant on this theme seems to rely on the idea that we are in fact, each and every one of us, a tiny fragment of the whole, a minuscule version of the entire entity and these children will cause us to reunite into the totality (gestalt again?) that surrounds us. It also relies on the nature and understanding of the DNA that makes us what we are and how, as it alters, allows us a means of inter-dimensional access to higher communication. It stops short of actually saying, although heavily implies, that we might eventually communicate with our creator(s) on some exotic level of existence. What it does not say is whether the DNA of the animals who also live on the Earth might also evolve into higher states of consciousness, particularly certain species of aquatic mammals like whales and dolphins that already appear to have a well-developed degree of communication, intelligence and awareness. We should not lose sight of the fact that this information allegedly derives from already advanced creatures currently existing without form within a light matrix. While the advent of crystalline children may be a little too much to fully accept, perhaps we can more easily understand another



strand of emerging super-humanity, the super psychic children of China and the children who cannot become ill.

Reprogramming the Helix

Although perhaps the most interesting of all these alleged 'new humans' are the children who do not become ill, we should first look briefly at the so-called 'Super Psychic Children of China'. According to the available evidence they were first noted circa 1984, the same era that the Indigo Children emerged. Evidently the Chinese government identified one such child who scored way off the scale during a standard psi experiment designed to measure paranormal abilities. Following this discovery and the attention it drew, other parents started noticing odd 'talents' in their own children until the numbers spiralled into the many hundreds. Every test devised to test them revealed telepathic and precognitive abilities that went well above chance and in most cases the children tested scored 100% irrespective of how the test was conducted.

Another of their claimed talents is the curious ability to read without

using their eyes, in other words they were able to 'read' words and colours using other parts of their anatomy such as their fingers, ears, and patches of skin on their arms and chests. Although a remarkable discovery, if true, and in spite of the excited announcements it is not entirely unique, as, over the years, this particular aptitude has been noted among various people. One in particular was Mollie Fancher, a woman who lived in America in the late 19th century. Although blind and crippled due to a childhood accident, she exhibited the capability of selecting by touch alone various colours of thread used in embroidery from a box located above her bed. Although not a Roman Catholic she also occasionally exhibited traditional signs of the stigmata, which drew some considerable comment.

She also displayed manifestations of multiple personality disorder where she exhibited at least two distinct personalities beside her own. In addition she was reputedly both psychic and to some extent telepathic, this raises the question that she may have been a precursor of the super-child revolution. It certainly gives reason to question whether many

people who have been consigned to psychiatric care were in fact only demonstrating aspects of their super-human potential and not signs of mental illness. It is strange that depending on the mores and customs of individual societies some of them regard the mentally disturbed to be some way 'gifted' and worthy of veneration, considering them to be communing with the gods. Is this perhaps yet another example of the involuntary recognition of a coming super race caused by genetic information bleed-through from the pre-existing programme? If this is the case the strange talents shown by Mollie and many others over the years may well have been slight defects in the timing of the inbuilt genetic clock determining our elevation to another level of existence. The next group to consider holds the prospect of near immortality for the human race; they are the 'Children of AIDS'.

The Children of AIDS

This truly remarkable evolutionary development first came to light, again at around the same time as the other two groups, in the late 1970s early 1980s, when a child was born that already was infected with the deadly condition of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, now known simply as AIDS. As is now known, this condition renders the patient unable to fight off ordinary infections that in normal people the immune system deals with automatically by destroying any invading foreign organism. The child was tested at six months old and was indeed still infected as it was a year later, then something remarkable happened. The child, a boy, was left until he was six years old and tested again when, miraculously, he was AIDS free. Naturally the tests were repeated and proved identical; there was no trace of AIDS whatsoever, or indeed of HIV, which is the precursor of full blown AIDS.

Following this remarkable development the boy was taken to UCLA where he was exposed to a series of tests to examine his DNA for any abnormalities; these tests revealed that the child did not have normal, standard, human DNA. Although this is an extremely complex subject it is

vital to understand it because of what may be happening to us. In the normal, human, genetic code there is a set of instructions defining what we are, among these are units comprising three nucleotides representing one amino acid, they are called 'codons'. We as human beings possess sixty four of these codons, of which only twenty-three are used, twenty are turned on and the other three act as start (initiation) and stop (termination) switches controlling the rest, rather like the digital switching arrangements used in a computer, this is an analogy that works well and is something that we will return to shortly. The unused 'codons' have always been assumed to be part and parcel of our so-called 'Junk DNA', something that we no longer require in our evolutionary process, although this was apparently not the case with this child, he had twenty four of these codons switched on. Following this discovery they tested his DNA to see just how resistant to disease it actually was and the results were truly breathtaking.

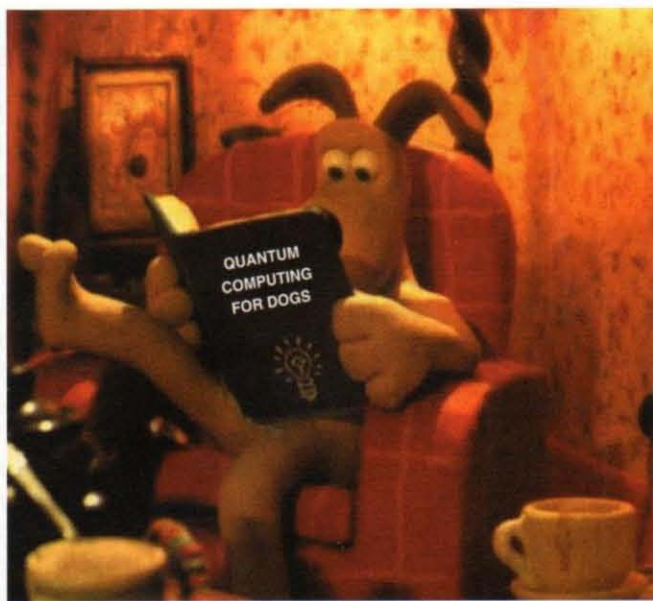
The scientists exposed his blood cells to a progressively stronger dose of AIDS and it was not until the dosage was in the order of thousands of times stronger that his blood cells were damaged. The same experiment was tried using a range of other diseases including various forms of cancer and his blood did not react or succumb to any of them, he appeared to be immune to all diseases. Following this discovery a clandestine programme was instituted to examine blood cells from a wide range of children from all ethnic groups and social classes and much to the surprise of the scientists they found that the altered DNA was not by any means unique to one child, the numbers ran into tens of thousands, something was definitely happening, something wonderful yet at the same time frightening.

The question then was how and why? The implication here is that as with the indigo's, the greater the number the more quickly the change spreads. The method by which this occurs is, however, highly speculative, as is the evidence itself, unless of course 'they', the faceless, ruling 'ubermensch', really are behind a monstrous cover-up and, for a variety of reasons

both political and economic, are denying this information to the general public. It is certain that the multinational companies that dominate the pharmaceutical industry would be less than pleased to see their highly lucrative market vanish almost overnight and would probably go to any lengths to prevent this occurring.

According to what knowledge there is, whether suppressed or not, the mechanism behind the change seems to be largely internal, all that is required, apparently, is a strong enough desire to make the change to one's DNA and it will happen; the use of meditation techniques seem to be an advantage though. In fact what this sounds like is a variant on Chaos Magic, where a wish or desire becomes a reality at the quantum level and providing this has been done correctly, manifests a physical change in the real world. On another level there is a clear reference to the power of positive thinking where a person who is ill is encouraged to think in a positive manner, which does seem to have an effect on the speed of recovery. What is not clear is how the original and initial change was made, for unless there was a series of lucky accidents, then the first people to display these genetic peculiarities had to be given outside help, unless our own DNA carried the message as part of its internal programming. While considering this it is important to realise that the information controlling our genes and how they function is not stored entirely in the genetic code. The additional information is contained, rather like computer sub-routines, in regulatory sequences, intergenetic segments and areas devoted to the structure of chromosomes, which brings us back to the link with computers.

As previously mentioned, the codons and additional elements in the gene pattern that switch the rest of the DNA on and off act like timers in a standard digital computer or programmable logic controller, no matter how clever or fleeting, they are either on or off with no halfway position, the only way to improve on this situation in computers is to use 'dual-core' processors so that they can multi-task more easily. This is a



development from the original method of using separate sub-processors to deal with the more mundane tasks like number crunching. Staying with the computer analogy there is, however, another method currently under development and that is in the esoteric field of 'quantum computing'. This near magical infant science relies on the fact that the state of any subatomic particle cannot be predicted at any given time and they exist in an infinite number of states. It is this bizarre property that will eventually lead to a type of computer operating in a number of states at any one time and as such can carry out a near limitless number of functions simultaneously. The components used in the processing are still electronic, but they are now operating in applications that their inventors could not even have imagined.

As we have seen, the method by which these electronic devices function has many parallels with the science of genetics and provides a good analogy. Both rely on programming to function and both are capable of being reprogrammed to produce different effects. The difference is, so far, that unlike the application of computers, any alterations to the genetic code have, in the main, been confined to what amounts to tinkering around the edges of its vast potential. The restraints on development have been ethical and/or religious, where the very thought of altering the human genome is likened to interfering with God's work, which, in fundamentalist circles is absolute anathema irrespec-

tive of how beneficial it might be. While there is undoubtedly an official ban on some aspects of this research, it would be interesting to discover what work is currently conducted in the clandestine world of 'black projects'. Although these developments fall well short of explaining the incredible complexity of inducing changes in specific elements of the genetic code to permit evolutionary leaps; nevertheless it is allegedly occurring at an ever-increasing rate. One can only ponder and speculate on what might occur if more of these codons were switched on; we can only hope that we are ready for the change and recognise it when it happens.

Conclusion

Is this all feasible or is it not? As we have seen, the youngsters called Indigo Children and/or Crystal Children are indeed an enigma. Are they a natural progression in human development triggered through some predetermined change in the human genome, or are they the inadvertent result of the increasingly toxic environment in which we live? Is this some form of corroboration of the Gaia hypothesis showing that the planet on which we live is indeed to some extent sentient and is attempting to alter us; it's children, in order to save itself. Or are the Indigo's and all the rest no more than a fantasy created by over imaginative and over protective parents determined to believe that their children are not in some way 'damaged', but reject it by submerging themselves in the fantasy that they are instead 'gifted'. The purpose of these supposed evolved beings is nothing less than the redemption of the human race, a noble cause that no one would argue with, except that, as we have seen, this is really nothing new, only the packaging is different. 'The Space Brothers', 'The Council of Nine' 'The Ascended Masters', 'The Secret Chiefs' and now 'gifted children', be they indigo, crystal, psychic or

'reprogrammed', there is no difference.

A more cynical view is that the situation is entirely artificial and man made, another symptom of the frantic and dizzy society in which we live. It is strange that as our rejection of organised religion gains momentum, we still apparently need something to cling on to and so we invent one. We have seen this in the past with the advent of ufology, which was perhaps at its zenith from the 1950s until the late 1980s. From personal experience I have seen this amply demonstrated during public meetings and conferences devoted to the study of strange phenomena be it UFOs, hauntings or whatever.

The intense, almost devout, look on the faces in the audience, which had the look and feel of a church congregation. The need to make sense of the world, but in a manner that best appealed to those attending and instead of a God it was an extraterrestrial, which, I suppose, is precisely what God is. A being that lives outside the constraints of time and space, that is both omniscient and omnipotent, although, sadly, God seems equally if not more elusive. If these children are the next step, then we are truly favoured that the process has begun and we may yet rise out of the mire that traps us. Ultimately it matters not whether the message comes via Ascended Masters, Space Brothers or Indigo Children; if the message is valid then it has to emerge one way or another. We must hope that they do not regard us as inferior and take steps to cleanse our memory from the face of the planet, to remove all trace of us from the gene pool, if this process can self-start then we must hope that the next stage, whatever that might be, continues to improve us as a species and we achieve the destiny prewritten for us in the coding of our DNA. There are indeed interesting times ahead.

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UK UFO SIGHTINGS ON THE INCREASE...

All too many times over the last couple of years have we found ourselves a little disappointed with the quality of recent UFO sightings. Many, as we have reported in *UFO DATA Magazine*, have turned out to be nothing more than those pesky Thai lanterns.

Just recently however a handful of reports have been received that don't fit the lantern description.

These reports are presented for the first time exclusively in this issue.

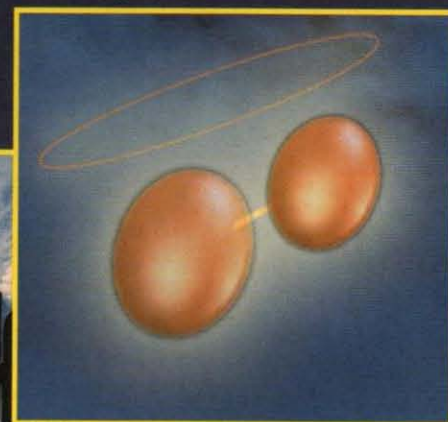


Neil Morris is a lab technician at Manchester University and a long-standing analyst and researcher into the UFO subject. Neil phoned me on the 9th of September, asking if we had any reports on something strange observed over the Pennine Moors near Saddleworth on the Yorkshire/Lancashire border. He explained that a colleague at work who was a total non-believer prior to an encounter on 8th September, 2008.

What was reported was a strange 'dumbbell' configuration of bright, orange lights. The lights appeared to be linked together and gave off an

eerie orange halo directly above them. The witness observed the strange phenomenon for just a few seconds before, from a standing start, it shot off across the moors to the north heading towards Rochdale.

At the time of printing we have no further reports but we feel the witness is a quality observer who was shaken by his encounter.



Although the colour is similar to what we see with the lanterns the observer was convinced this was nothing of the sort, but judging by the description and the movement witnessed as the shape zoomed off out of view, we are happy to discount the possibility of this being another case of those darned lanterns.

Pub-goers at the Royal Oak on Strines Road were mystified by three red lights in a triangular formation slowly moving across the sky at around 9pm.

The lights were also spotted by resi-

dents in Romiley and Marple, who wondered whether they were having a close encounter of the third kind. Jameson Moon, 39, landlord of the Royal Oak and an aviation enthusiast, immediately consulted his radar and discovered the 'object' was not registering.

He said: "One of the customers was outside having a cigarette when he saw the lights and we all went outside to have a look.

"The lights were moving very slowly across the sky and they were some distance apart it eventually moved behind a cloud. There is no way it was a plane and it didn't show up on my radar.

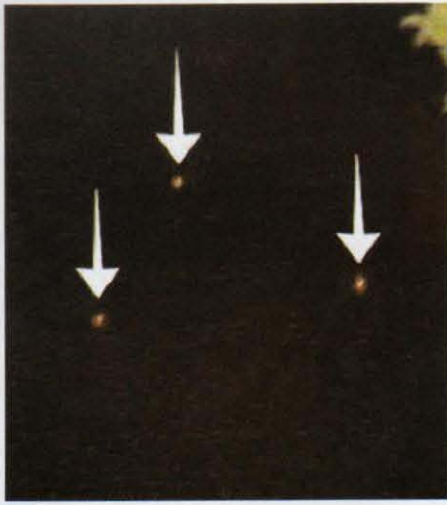
"I was amazed. I have never seen anything like this before and may never see anything like it again. I am usually a sceptic but after seeing this I am not sure."

Jameson's mum Grace added:

"Everybody in the pub saw it. I think the whole village saw it and we hadn't had too much to drink."

Christine Smith, 56, from Romiley, added: "My husband and I saw the lights hovering above Marple. They were there for about 15 minutes then disappeared."





Although the press seem excited by this sighting, I'm pretty sure the photographic evidence shows a display of lanterns, but Jameson's knowledge of Radar and the fact he has access to a working system might suggest otherwise.

Having said that, perhaps the sensitivity of the equipment was not enough to pick up a polythene bag floating in the skies, after all it's not



a very solid object for the radar camera to see and, of course, radar is not used to detect a heat source.

West Yorkshire lady sees strange night time UFO...

The image below is a reconstruction of a first-hand witness report from Dewsbury in West Yorkshire. On the evening of Sunday 31st August, 2008, Mrs G (her real name is known) was sitting in her bedroom in Dewsbury, near Leeds, reading a book. Suddenly, she could hear a strange humming sound, coming from outside. She glanced at the clock. It was 8:50pm.

Opening her blinds, Mrs G was shocked to see an incredibly bright, white object hovering in the darkening sky. It looked like a star, but was much more bright. There was no distinct shape that she could discern, just this incredibly brilliant white light source, much brighter than anything else in the sky at the time.

She wondered if it could be a helicopter: perhaps the police were patrolling the skies over Dewsbury again, as they did with annoyingly noisy regularity. The humming that she could hear, though, sounded like no aircraft she had ever heard. The object also displayed none of the mandatory anti-collision lights that all aircraft must utilise.

As she watched, the object suddenly took off at high speed, showing no acceleration, and disappeared from view. The humming ceased.

What had Mrs G seen? Was it a genuine UFO sighting? Seeing as the object has not been identified, then it was an unidentified flying object by definition.

Mrs G has ruled out helicopters or aeroplanes. Those, as noted earlier, must display anti-collision lights. The sound she heard was also nothing like any aircraft she had ever heard. Helicopters fly over her area regularly and the town lies below the flight path for aircraft flying to and from Leeds/Bradford Airport and Manchester Airport. Conventional aircraft do not instantly accelerate away. Their speed gradually increases.

Chinese or Thai lanterns were also ruled out, as these are generally orange and they do not hum! The International Space Station was also suggested, but that orbital spacecraft does not hover for up to a minute before shutting off.

So, did Mrs G have an extra-terrestrial encounter or did she see a secret aircraft being tested over West Yorkshire, such as a military drone or UAV? She does not know what it was she saw and she has no interest in the UFO subject whatsoever, but whatever it was, it left an impression on her.

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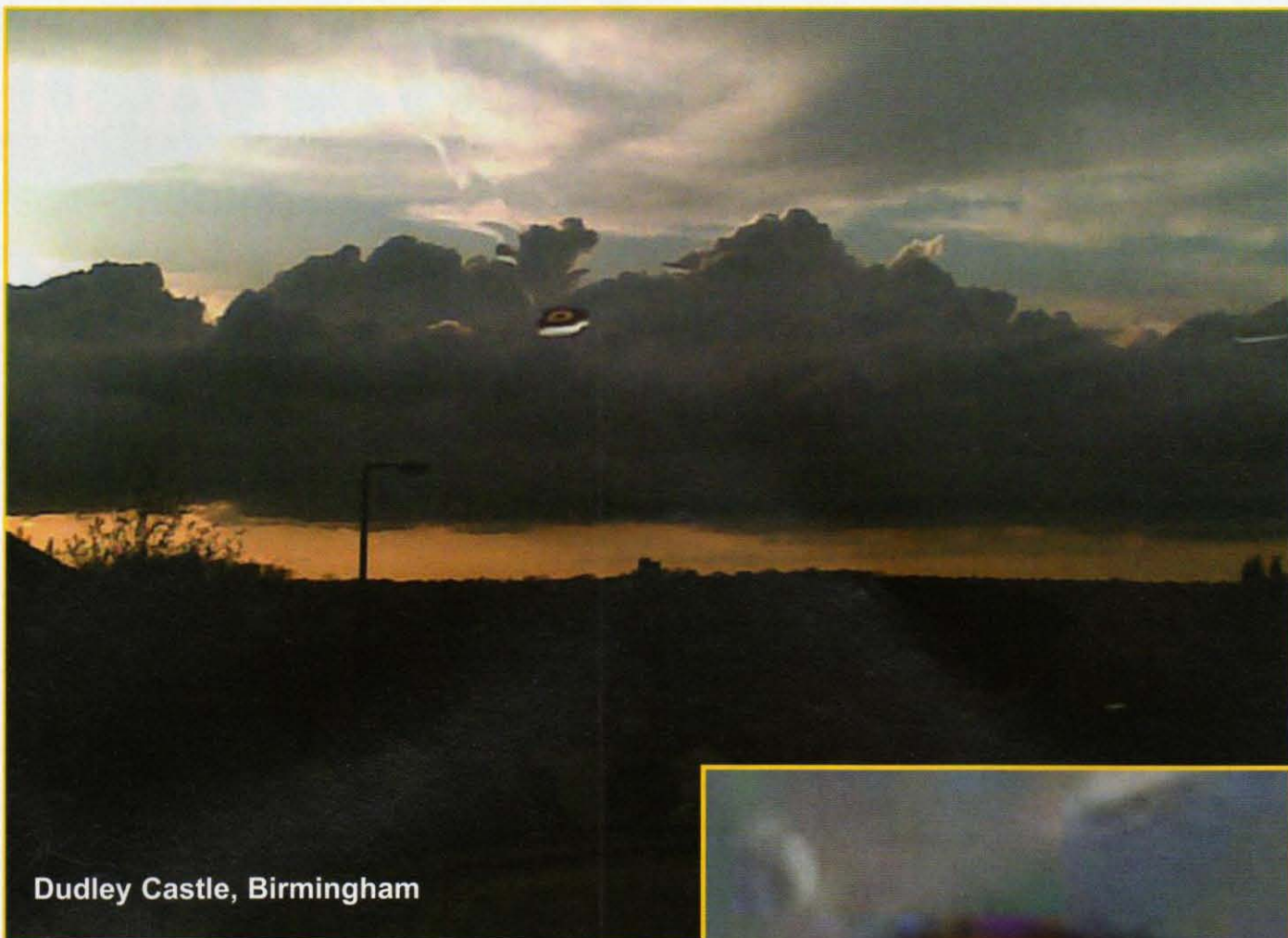
The following case is one that features real evidence.

The witness was able to photograph the next sighting on a high-spec camera phone and it is one of those images that happens only every now and again.

People will always suggest digital images are easy to doctor. Yes they



Reconstruction



Dudley Castle, Birmingham

are, but in this case the image we see is not dissimilar to an effect you might see when you get an emulsion fault on regular film.

On the rare occasions that photographic evidence is presented as proof of unknown objects operating in our skies we all too often find that the quality of such evidence is either lights in the night sky or images that are easily argued as created or doctored images by a sceptical community. In this case it is not that easy.

Taken at dusk, there is still sufficient daylight available to give a pretty clear image of the object in question. The colours of the object are relevant to the light in the photograph, making the object 'feel' as though it is part of the image. Although taken on a camera phone, the quality is acceptable and probably better in result than you would have achieved with a regular automatic 35mm film camera.

The witness and photographer was Dianne Penn who reported to Gary Heseltine - 'I took with

my mobile phone (a Nokia 7373) on 27th April, 2008. I only took the photo as I was fascinated by the low, heavy black cloud that was like a 'shelf' when most of the rest of the sky was blue/white cloud and sunny. I parked up the top of

Barncroft Road which has a direct view across to Dudley Castle and took the photo - I never noticed anything in the sky at the time! I am a 57 year old nanny and foster carer to two babies so thoughts of UFOs were the last thing on my mind!! What seems to be a vapour trail intrigues me too. I am sure there is a perfectly mundane explanation - but I thought I would send it to you anyway.'

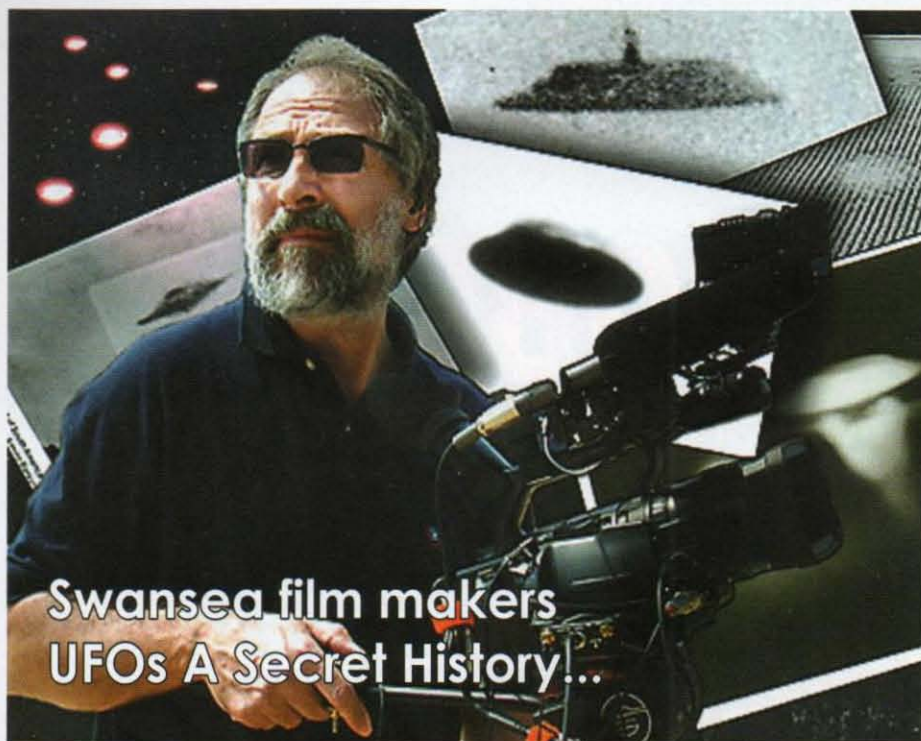
Whatever Dianne caught on camera is certainly there and I expect this image will appear at conferences all over the world as one of those hard to discount images of a genuine UFO.



Close-up



Enhanced Vapour trail



UFOs: The Secret History, the first documentary film of its kind by Swansea area resident, David Cherniack, will make its world debut on History Television, as part of the network's week-long ode to the phenomenon, which coincides with the 61st anniversary of the 1947 incident in Roswell that attracted international attention.

Unlike any other UFO documentary, it does not attempt to examine whether or not UFOs are extraterrestrial. Rather, it begins with the principle that it is precisely the absence of definitive proof that has enabled the phenomenon to become a kind of Rorschach inkblot on which society has projected its hopes and fears over the past six decades, providing insight into the early years of the 21st century.

"I'm very proud of it," said Cherniack, reflecting on his work in an interview with *The Villager* at his home studio, not far from Ellis Avenue and The Queensway. "It's very unique. No one has done anything remotely like this. No one has had the time and the resources to devote to it."

Although the film was a four-year, technically-gruelling, long and very involved process - Cherniack took on everything, but the music and 3-D graphics himself. The majority was filmed over a four-month stretch.

The award-winning filmmaker logged 18,000 miles across North America, stopping in five Canadian provinces and 38 U.S. states in a rented 31-foot RV visiting locations where UFOs were sighted and interviewing experts.

"My favourite part of the process is the shooting. Why? Because I get to know people. I've been in post-production for a year-and-a-half. I get out twice (a week) to go to Thai Chi." There are very few people who know the history of UFOs and those in the know are delighted about the film because now they have something to show those who don't know, who are only familiar with the mythology, Cherniack said. Who better than he, the self-described boy astronomer, to tell the story, he says in the film.

"I was fascinated that there was a whole universe out there you could only see at night," he said. "When I was 13, I had a UFO sighting. I was home for lunch - I had heard reports of flying saucers seen over Winnipeg."

While other kids hid terrified under their beds, Cherniack eagerly scanned the clear blue sky. Above the playing field he spotted it: a tiny red dot. It seemed really high up, he recalled. Watching it for five to 10 minutes, it didn't move. "In the Winnipeg sky for something not to move, it gave me pause for thought,"

said Cherniack, who said the province is nicknamed Windypeg in the summer and Winterpeg in the winter. "It promoted my interest in flying saucers. I studied it for a few years as an adolescent until I discovered girls. I'd come to the conclusion that we were probably being visited, but I wasn't going to know anything further. They weren't saying anything."

It's a subject that Cherniack has dipped in and out of over the years. In the mid-80s, he attended a UFO network convention in Michigan where he met Bud Hopkins, the man who developed the theory behind UFO abduction. Four years ago, he thought about a film he could do for the History network. When he pitched the history of UFOs, the executive producer was keen because he was familiar with Cherniack's work and confident he'd do a great job.

With an undergraduate degree in physics, the veteran documentary filmmaker approached the phenomenon from a scientist's point of view. "There is no definitive proof (of UFOs)," he said, "but there's a lot of compelling reports, competent observers."

Cherniack figured the film would be at least a two to three year process. To bring himself up to speed, he researched the subject for a year. He was still piecing information together during filming.

"I like to do films that challenge the notion of reality," he said.

Before arriving in Toronto to pursue a career in film, he attended the University of Manitoba, he travelled the world, lived in a cave in Crete, and eventually decided to study film at the renowned Prague Film Academy, arriving there just prior to the 1968 events now known as Prague Spring. Four years later he returned to Canada and became one of the founders of the Winnipeg Film Group, later moving to Toronto, and setting up house in the west end. His career boasts 60 documentaries.

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Confusion and Contradictions

The Cardiff Police Helicopter Incident: June 8th 2008.

By Andrew Russell.

To be a good liar you have to get your story correct. If several people are telling the same lie then they all have to be singing off the same hymn sheet. So when South Wales Police, the MoD and the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) can't get their stories straight, one might be forgiven for being a bit suspicious. When the story revolves around an alleged near-miss with a UFO and a police helicopter, then I could be forgiven for thinking they have something to hide.

"UFOs over Cardiff?" screamed the *South Wales Echo*, with a picture of the 'Independence Day' mothership hovering over the Cardiff city skyline. As the story broke around the world all three of the aforementioned government bodies would spend the

The story began during the early hours of June 8th, where, while waiting for clearance to land at RAF St Athan, the crew of the police helicopter spotted a 'flying saucer shaped' object approaching them at speed from below. The crew took evasive action and gave chase over the Bristol Channel until they ran low on fuel.

I began approaching the MoD, the CAA and the South Wales Police using the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to answer some critical questions. Firstly, the MoD claimed to know about the case through the media, but had not received any reports and therefore was not taking it any further. Secondly, the CAA claimed that after checking their database of 'events' they claimed they had no knowledge of the incident. South Wales Police now retracted any notion that a chase took place, citing that the media had reported this inaccurately. Yet, as in time honoured tradition, witnesses started to come forth to contradict the police version of events.

next few weeks fighting off a media frenzy and trying to satisfy researchers searching questions. What was interesting from the outset was South Wales Police's initial willingness to discuss the incident then their sudden retraction of certain elements of what allegedly happened. But as we shall see, once you begin to change the story, the more holes that begin to appear.

Amanda X came forward to say that she saw a UFO being chased by a helicopter from her vantage point in the centre of Cardiff. She claims that the craft and the helicopter flew overhead towards the coast (which would have been towards North Devon). George Witherington, a retired RAF glider pilot reported a similar sighting from St Mellons, near Cardiff. I have been contacted by a number of witnesses who report seeing strange objects in and around the Cardiff area throughout June 7th and June 8th which would also indicate that the object (or objects) were in the area before and after the alleged chase.

Further to contradict the claims that no chase took place was Cardiff airports own Air Traffic Control (ATC). ATC claimed, via the BBC, that they provided "a service" to the police helicopter to "ensure it had enough air space to return to RAF St Athan to refuel". Dave Pavoni, producer with the *UFO Hunters* TV show, also showed me an email he had received from a commercial airline pilot operating out of Cardiff airport that states his plane was warned to the fact that a police helicopter was "tracking" a UFO. He also claims to have witnessed the police helicopter landed at Cardiff airport. I am quite confident the chase took place. If no chase had taken place, the helicopter would simply have needed to land at RAF St Athan after taking evasive action and would be nowhere near Cardiff Airport. Further to this, how can the CAA claim they have no knowledge of this incident when ATC were involved throughout the incident?

There are some other real issues with this incident. Whether this UFO was of terrestrial origin or something more exotic, a mid-air collision almost took place which could have resulted, potentially, in the loss of life, yet the MoD, the CAA or South Wales Police are unwilling to investigate the matter further. The police are quoted as saying of the helicopter crew, "They are convinced it was a UFO. It sounds far-fetched, but they know what they saw." This statement was quoted in *The Telegraph*, *The Sun* and the *South Wales Echo*. Philip Mantle sent me a copy of a FOIA request he made, where the South Wales Police made the follow-

ing statement: "The crew is of course capable of making a distinction between a Chinese lantern and an aircraft: it was for this reason it was not so described. The reason the crew now subscribes to the theory that the 'object' was a Chinese lantern is that there appears to be no other rational and plausible explanation." The police claim they can tell what a Chinese lantern looks like, but it evidently wasn't because they are trained observers and it didn't look like a Chinese lantern because "for this reason it was not so described", but according to other previous press reports "they know what they saw". I think initially the South Wales Police rushed to tell what happened in this incident but in retrospect decided they had said too much and were trying to back-track, in the process contradicting themselves and everyone else involved. Also South Wales Police released a radio transcript of a man misidentifying the moon as a UFO.

The story made front page of the *Western Mail* and the conversations which were recorded by the police were also available to listen to online. This was a few days after the June 8th incident and I believe this was an attempt to discredit the whole affair through ridiculing ufology in general. South Wales Police can release the recordings of this yet there are no recordings available from the helicopter crew from the June 8th incident. Cynical? Me!?

Through Phillip, I was introduced to David Pavoni, producer of *UFO Hunters*, and we arranged for an interview about the case at RAF St Athan. I arrived very early and drove around the perimeter of RAF St Athan and noticed how quiet this base was. Due to its rural location and the fact that currently RAF St Athan is in a bit of a transitional period, it is a very quiet area. (RAF St Athan is due to become a multi-million pound training centre.) I met Dave and the crew at the East Gate (purely coincidental) and we began filming on some public land outside the perimeter. A few minutes into filming we were approached by three RAF personnel who enquired what we were doing. Filming permits were produced and an explanation was forthcoming as to the nature of our business and the RAF staff left. From then on, the formerly quiet base, started to get very noisy which disrupted our filming. Single training shots were heard regularly which meant we had to retake certain scenes. A fork lift truck came to the fence where we were filming and the driver just parked there, just idling the engine which caused some disruption.

It is hard not to be conspiratorial in situations like this! Once we completed filming the RAF police joined us and requested the usual round of ID and filming permits. Despite being on public land and RAF St Athan being quite a low security

base, we were still treated with a fair amount of suspicion.

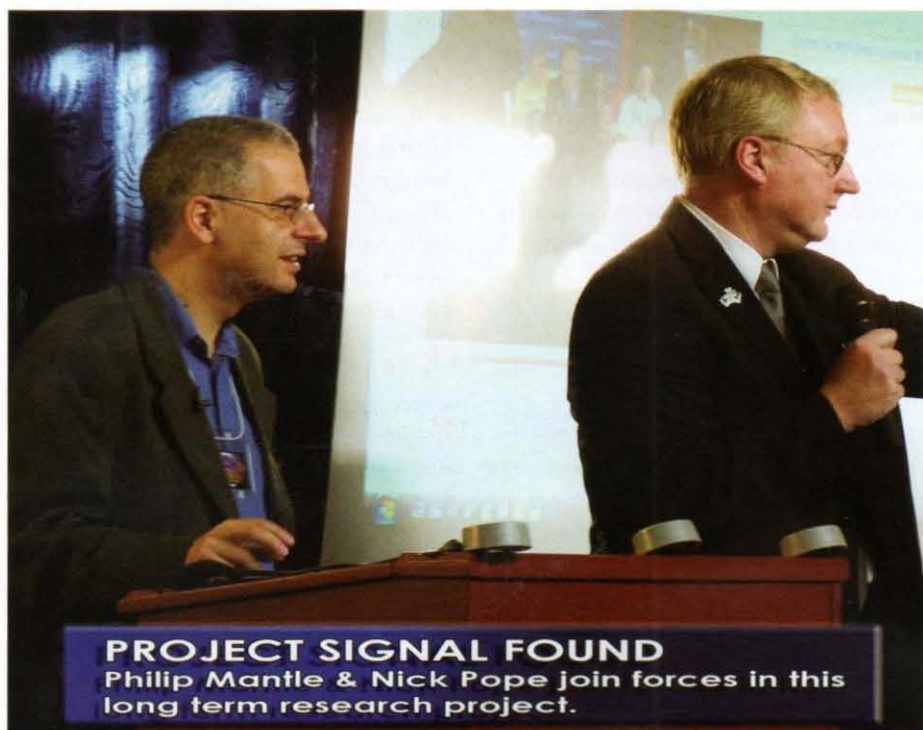
A day or two after filming, I was contacted by a witness who wanted, for the time being, to remain anonymous. He had seen an object in the early hours of June 8th and had made his own requests via the FOIA. He showed me a copy of a response from South Wales Police which stated that the two officers on board the flight were not interested in giving interviews. The pilot of the helicopter, who is a civilian, also reported the incident to his supervisor but wanted no further involvement. It is worth remembering that the helicopter in question is operated by Bond Air Services and is effectively leased by South Wales and Gwent Police and as a private company falls outside any FOIA accountability.

It surprises me that no reports have still been made by the police but, cynically speaking, it doesn't surprise me. If the police produce any paperwork on this incident it becomes accessible via the FOIA and we gain more information on the incident. If the MoD becomes involved the same applies.

The Cardiff incident is by no means over, I have heard whispers of other witnesses in Cardiff, witnesses on the Severn and some from the base itself, where apparently rumours are rife. This is one of those incidents which yield so much in terms of how organisations like the police, MoD and CAA react (or fail to) and how quickly the media and investigators can prise open the case and reveal much of what happened. Something significant happened that night, we can piece that much together, it will take us a little while longer to discover the true extent of what exactly happened. Three very well placed witnesses hold the key. When will we get their testimony?

NB: Andrew Russell is one of the speakers at this years International UFO Conference sponsored by UFO DATA MAGAZINE.





PROJECT SIGNAL FOUND
Philip Mantle & Nick Pope join forces in this long term research project.

PROJECT SIGNAL FOUND

By Philip Mantle

Project Signal Found is a collaboration between Philip Mantle, the former Director of Investigations for the British UFO Research Association, and Nick Pope, the man who investigated UFOs for the British Ministry of Defence.

This long-term study project looks entirely at UFO landing cases in the UK & Ireland. The idea behind it is simple: Most UFO researchers argue that the vast majority of UFO sightings can be explained in conventional terms. It is the contention of this project that UFO landings should be more difficult to misidentify than 'ordinary' UFO sightings. Philip Mantle will lead the project with Nick Pope acting in a consultancy capacity, offering advice and assistance.

Nick Pope had the following to say about this new venture: "I support Philip Mantle in this new initiative. Information overload is a big problem in UFO research. There are tens of thousands of cases and sometimes you can't see the wood for the trees. This project should help researchers focus on those cases most likely to involve physical evidence that might help take forward our understanding of the UFO mystery."

For example it is assumed that UFO landing reports are made by witnesses at close range, thus reducing the risk of misidentification.

In the UK & Ireland there are no statistics anywhere of exactly how many alleged UFO landing reports have been made. There is therefore no information on the geographical location of such reports, no information on whether entities of any type were also reported or any physical marks left behind in the environment. I'm sure we are all aware of a certain few UFO landing cases in the UK but there is no repository where all such reports can be accessed, even in brief detail. This is where *Project Signal Found* begins.

It is our hope and intention to liaise with UFO researchers and organisations throughout the UK & Ireland and, of course, witnesses themselves to bring together a database of information on UFO landing reports. Brief details would be updated on a web site as we progress (not yet available) and, of course, the occasional publication of some of this research in the various UFO publications that are currently available. We firmly believe that this is an area of research that has been sadly neglected down the years and we hope that individual UFO researchers and organisations alike will recognise the

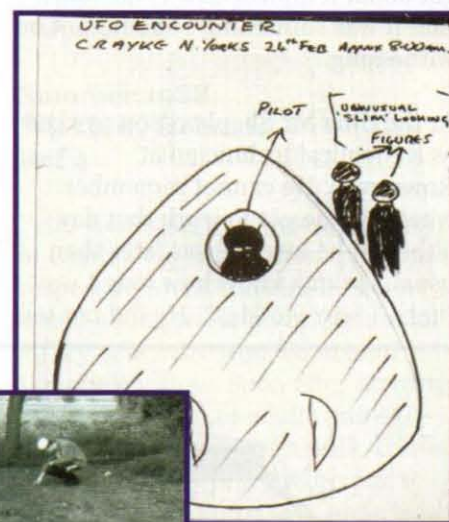
importance of such a study and cooperate accordingly. Similarly we hope that witnesses to these events will also offer their cooperation.

Just to give you an idea of the type of UFO landing cases we are looking at I am going to feature a few in brief for you now.

See how many of these you are familiar with. They come from around the UK and Ireland and are featured here in brief in no particular order.

February 1979: Easingwold, North Yorkshire, England. Ref 1

It was a cold February morning in 1979. Phil Shepherdson was riding his motorcycle along the winding country lanes near Easingwold when he came across something that was to change his life forever. Hovering in the corner of a field was a black triangular-shaped object. There appeared to be one entity in a type of 'cockpit' with two other entities standing in the field next to it. All three entities turned to stare at Mr Shepherdson and he believed some



kind of 'contact' was made. The craft then suddenly flew off

with no sign of the entities remaining. Shepherdson stated that "I turned to look in a field to my left and what I saw just blew my mind. There was a black, triangular-shaped object in the field in total silence. At the top of this object was a cockpit of some kind and there was a figure inside it. All I could see was a black-



shaped helmet and some sort of black overall. The entity began to turn and look in my direction. I was transfixed. At the side of this craft were two figures, which appeared also to stop what they were doing and look in my direction. For several moments I was just spellbound, I was shaking. There was complete silence as we looked at each other. I certainly had some form of contact; I just don't know what it was. I just had an intense feeling of some connection. I could not move and I could not think. I was rooted to the spot. Suddenly my mind did not accept it anymore and I got on my bike and took off to work". He went on: "I forgot about it almost as if I was told that it was something I should not be witnessing."

At the time Mr Shepherdson worked as a chemical technician at Rowntrees. He cannot remember what time he got to work that day although he knew it was later than usual. "I don't know how long I was there. I have no idea". He did not tell

his work colleagues or anyone else of his encounter. He blanked it out of his mind. Shepherdson claims that since that event nothing has grown in the field where the object was observed. His final comments on what he may have observed: "Not in a million years was that an aircraft."

8th February 1985.
Pwllheli, North Wales.
Ref 2

David Thomas was walking home that night. It was four and a half miles and it was three in the morning. There was a sprinkling of snow on the ground that evening and the 19 year-old David had just spent the evening with friends. He'd been walking for about 20 minutes when he thought he could still hear that night's rock music pounding in his head. He stood still for a while but there was no sound, it was an eerie silence. There was no sound of the breeze, no rustle of the grass, no sound at all. But David then could make out a faint humming sound almost like an electric generator of some sort. David knew this area well and knew there were no generators anywhere that would make such a noise.

David followed to where the sound seemed to coming from up ahead. Leaving the road he walked up a small dirt track that bordered the field. There in the field to his

amazement was an object the like which he had never seen before. A domed, disc-shaped object, complete with antennae and stabilizers, was sitting in the field. It had a draw-bridge-like hatchway and windows along the top. There was no obvious lighting but David said that the object seemed to have a dull, fluorescent glow to it.

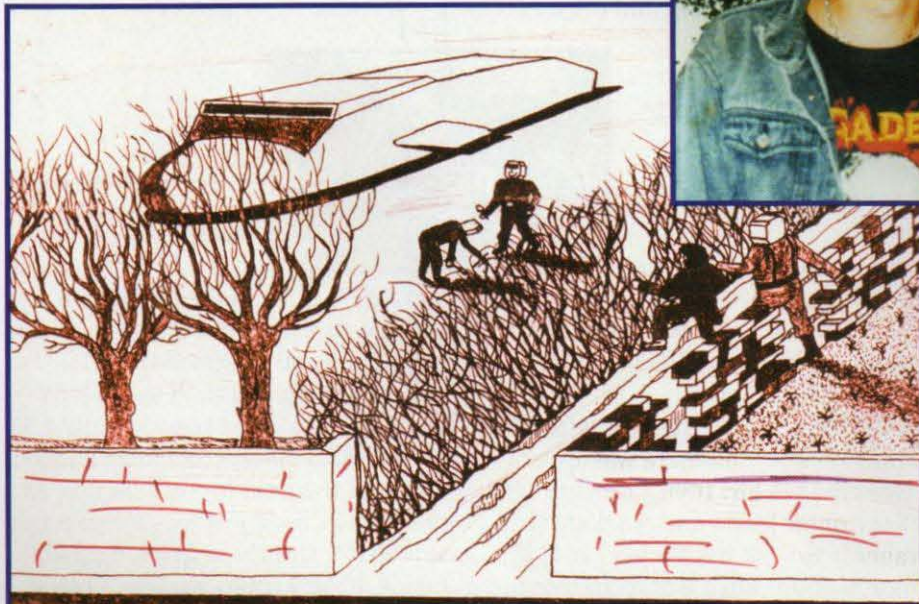
David's attention was caught by movement off to one side. Turning his head, he saw a group of humanoid figures making their way towards him across the field. His immediate reaction was to turn and flee. Turning around to get out of there, David's way was blocked by one of these humanoid figures. David felt a hand-like grip on his arm and suddenly he was being propelled forward towards the object in the field. His feet never seemed to touch the ground and he is not sure how this happened, but he was now inside the object. The humanoids were there and David described them as wearing octagonal-shaped helmets, which were featureless apart from two dim lights, positioned where their eyes should have been. They wore grey clothing with gold-coloured belts and straps that looked similar to braces, black knee boots and gloves.

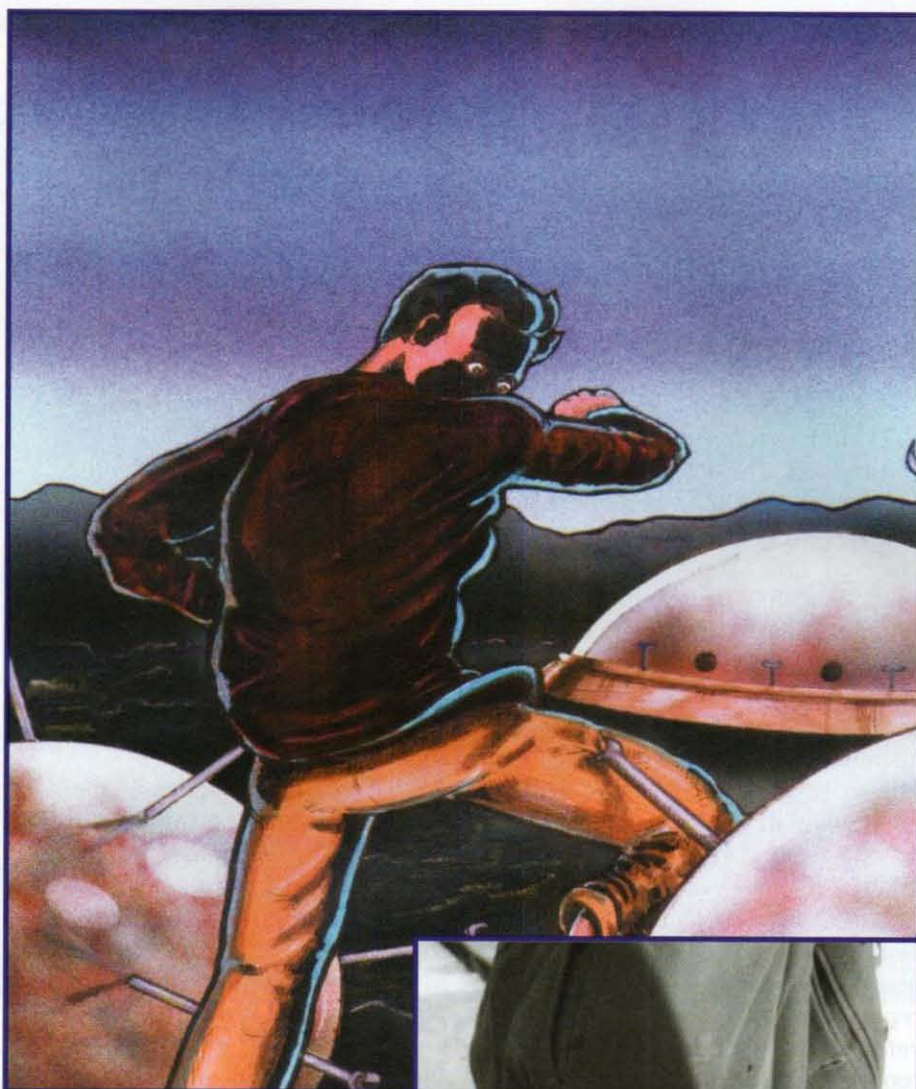
There is a lot more to this particular encounter as David later described a full-blown abduction event. When interviewed by UFO researchers, David was able to remember everything without the use of any form of regressive hypnosis. When interviewed by myself, it was quite clear that the event did have quite a profound effect on him and many years after the events is still terrified him.



9th November 1979.
Livingston, Scotland.
Ref 3

Forestry worker, Robert Taylor, set off that morning into Dechmont Woods near Livingston, pretty much like he had every other morning. He drove his truck into the woods with his faithful pet dog beside him for company. He had set off that morning just after 10 am, knowing that





he'd have to park his truck and make the last part of his journey on foot. At around 10:15 am, he parked the truck by the side of the road and, accompanied by his dog, set off through the woodland along a track that was impassable to any vehicle. Robert Taylor had worked for the forestry department for 16 years and the 61 year-old knew every inch of Dechmont woods.

Robert was making his way into a small clearing in the wood, but as he rounded the bend, he was totally unprepared for what was about to confront him. In the clearing stood a domed-shaped object some 30 feet high. It was grey in colour, perfectly silent and it stopped Robert dead in his tracks. Robert described a type of 'flange' around the bottom of this object with antennae-like protrusions with small rotors on top.

Transfixed by this incredible sight, Robert also noticed several 'porthole' type apertures in the top section of the dome.



It was while looking these portholes that the 'sea mines' appeared. That was how Robert described them. Two spherical objects with spiky protrusions suddenly came rolling over the ground towards him. They had six or more of these spikes and looked about 3 feet in diameter.

These strange objects made a sucking or popping sound as each of the spikes touched the ground. Within seconds Roberts had one of these objects at either side of him. He felt a strong tug on his trousers and these spheres seemed to be trying to pull him towards the main object. Robert tried to resist and there was a pungent smell in air. It was no surprise that Robert lost consciousness. He vaguely remembered a 'whooshing' sound and his dog was barking like

mad. Struggling back to his feet, the object had now gone. Robert somehow managed to stagger home and report to his wife that he had been attacked. Quite naturally his wife, Mary, telephoned the local police. In the days, weeks and months that went by the police did a full investigation of the incident. Marks on the ground were found at the location and eventually the official report by the Livingston Criminal Investigation Department concluded:

Despite extensive inquiries made, no information was been gained which could indicate what, in fact, made the marks on the ground at the location. Mr. Taylor is a respected member of the community and is described as a conscientious and trustworthy person, not likely to invent a story.

In short, the police investigation believed what Mr. Taylor had to say but could not find anything to explain the incident away. This is one of the few UFO sightings in the UK to be officially investigated. The site of the encounter is now marked by a commemorative plaque, which was the result of collaboration between Scottish UFO researchers and the Livingston Development Corporation.

Summer 1988. Wicklow, Ireland. Ref 4

Peter Simmons lived just to the north of Dublin. He and a friend plus their respective wives and children went to spend a long weekend in Glenmalur Valley, a heavily-wooded area of County Wicklow. Soon after arriving, the entire group of adults and children decided to go for a walk. It was late evening but still bright, and it was their intention to get some fresh air and stretch their legs. With the children in front, the party walked along chatting when, suddenly, they noticed a small figure, wearing what looked like overalls, busily tinkering with things at the top of a telephone pole. The group thought this odd and, walking past, they realised that if this was a telephone engineer at work then where was his van? There were no houses or entrances nearby where such a van could be parked out of sight. They turned to look back

at the figure, but it had disappeared. The group returned to where they were staying and mulled over the evening's events. They all decided to forget about it and instead set about planning what they were going to do for the rest of their stay. All that is except Peter Simmons. Peter didn't like unresolved problems and this event had bothered him. There must have been a vehicle of some sort nearby and he wanted to prove it.

With everyone else preparing for bed, Peter told his wife that he was going outside for a smoke. Once outside, he quickly walked back down the road to where they had seen the figure up the telephone pole. Passing a gate, Peter looked into the field. There were lights in the distance. Surely lights from houses or caravans. Then he noticed another light, this time a lot closer, and then several more, in various colours, clustered together in one small area.

Peter zipped up his jacket against the cold, climbed over the gate and walked towards these lights. He soon realised that they were much closer than he had anticipated. Upon approaching the lights, it soon became apparent that they were not attached to a house or a caravan. There in the field was a saucer-shaped object resting on four legs. Peter was scared. Lights began to flashing all over the noiseless object. Simon's legs had turned to jelly but instinct took over. It was time to get

out of there. He quite simply turned and fled and ran as fast as his legs would carry him.

Peter Simmons had never been terrified before in his life. He got very little sleep that night, and when he finally plucked up courage to tell his wife she laughed at him at first. She believed him later but still felt a degree of embarrassment about it all.

These are just a few examples of UFO landing reports from the UK and Ireland. The accounts themselves are fascinating and compelling but so is the reaction of the witnesses involved. Phil Shepherdson for example simply gets on his motorbike and goes to work. He says nothing to no one. David Thomas was quite literally terrified. When he reached home he immediately told his mother what had happened. Robert Taylor's wife telephoned the police, who in turn conducted a full investigation, and Peter Simmons told his wife.

There is little doubt that there are many more examples of UFO landing reports in the UK & Ireland that have yet to see the light of day. Such reports could be languishing in the dusty files of UFO researchers or UFO research organisations, and others may have simply gone unreported by the witnesses themselves. Whatever the case *Project Signal Found* would like your cooperation.

If you have investigated or researched an alleged UFO landing report from anywhere in the UK & Ireland then we would like to hear from you. Similarly if you have witnessed such an event we would like you to get in touch. Confidentiality is guaranteed in all instances. We can be contacted at the following:

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Demystifying The myth called Roswell..

The following article might just stir the loins of many a hardened UFO enthusiast, but sometimes fact can be overlooked when other information appears so strong. Kathy Kasten looks at some of the possibilities that could have been responsible for the events at Roswell back in 1947.

There are one or two scenarios created that are extremely plausible explanations here.

Demystifying the myth called Roswell

by Kathy Kasten

In the mid-1970s, rumours were circulating throughout the UFO research community that a researcher had found the original newspaper article discussing a retrieval of a "flying saucer" in 1947. The article became the basis for the myth now referred to as the Roswell Incident.

The newspaper article stated the US Army Air Base located in Roswell, New Mexico had been involved in the recovery of a "flying saucer." The researcher who found the article assumed the term "flying saucer" meant "extraterrestrial craft." Once this information surfaced, several

interviews were conducted with an officer who stated he had been duty when the "flying saucer" was recovered. The interview with the military officer produced only a few sketchy details. The officer didn't remember the names of anyone else involved in the retrieval or the exact date. The "world's greatest event" hadn't much of an impact on the memory of this ex-military officer.

Years later, the identities of the other two people - who had accompanied the duty officer to a crash site - were discovered and interviews with these individuals provided a little more information about the crash. One of the pieces of information that surfaced was the crash site was located on a ranch near Corona, New Mexico.

The rancher who discovered the crash site drove into Roswell to report the event to the Chavez County Sheriff. Why the rancher drove 75 miles to Roswell instead of 7 miles down the road to Carriozo, seat of the Sheriff of Lincoln County, was a

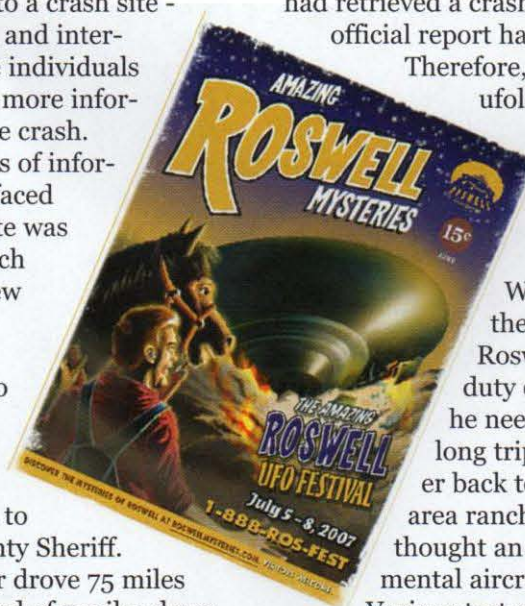
question never asked of the rancher. Lincoln County is where the "crime scene" was located.

We don't know if the Chavez County Sheriff asked the rancher why he decided to drive all the way to Roswell. However, the Sheriff of Chavez County knew he had no jurisdiction in Lincoln County. He sent the rancher to the US Army Air Base. A federal facility who did have jurisdiction. Although, it has been claimed that the Roswell Air Base had retrieved a crashed aircraft, no official report has ever surfaced.

Therefore, over the years ufologists have been free to provide various theories as to what happened.

We have to guess the reason the Roswell Air Base duty officer decided he needed to make the long trip with the rancher back to the Corona area ranch. Perhaps, he thought an agency's experimental aircraft had crashed. Various test craft had crashed in southern New Mexico.

White Sands Proving Grounds





(WSPG) was where tests of various secret projects took place. It is located in the same area as the crash site and Roswell Air Base in southern New Mexico. The Roswell Air Base intelligence officer also decided to make the trip to the ranch debris site.

After visiting the crash site, the intelligence officer returned directly to the base and filed a report with his commander in Albuquerque. The intelligence officer has never disclosed the contents of his report except to say it wasn't a V-2 rocket. Some researchers have leaped to the conclusion the officer was referring to an extraterrestrial craft.

There is no investigation report from the Roswell US Army Base Duty Officer. No report of an interrogation of the rancher.

The report from the intelligence officer was filed with his commander in Albuquerque. If this was a "crime scene" of the most important event of the century there are no reports or physical evidence to support that contention. Maybe everybody is looking for documentation in the wrong place.

ENVIRONMENTAL MEASUREMENT LABORATORY

It is outside the limited scope of this article to present all of the various projects that could have created the



debris field at the Foster Ranch, Corona. Just to mention one, for example, the Environmental Measurement Laboratory's (EML) technology packages could have accounted for strange looking debris. These packages involved more than balloons. The EML was part of the Manhattan Engineer District Medical Section of Murray Hill. Maurice Ewing worked for EML on technology to monitor the upper atmosphere for radiation particles from a nuclear explosion. The EML projects eventually became the forerunner of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CNTBT) monitoring project.

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS

Another agency that was interested in testing projects at WSPG was the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA). NACA had a working group headed by Vannemar Bush. Material, quite possibly hoaxed, has surfaced claiming the working group was called MJ-12 or MAJ12 or MAJC12. The material has dubious provenance as it arrived via

mailbox. The real working group oversaw NACA's facilities and labs. They are still located in Langley, outside of Washington, D.C. The facility was never secret during its lifetime. It was a group of people interested in experimental research designing next generation of air craft i.e. jet planes, guided missiles, space craft. This facility had the equipment and personnel to retrieve a crashed air craft, and the expertise to determine what caused a crash. Especially, if they were the agency overseeing the testing. The agency evolved into the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF NACA

There are two people affiliated with NACA who figure into our alternative scenario of just what might have crashed in a ranch in New Mexico. Those two people are Werner Von Braun and Dr.

Randolph "Randy" Lovelace. They were part of the National Advisory Committee Aeronautics Working Group on Human Factors and Training.

Von Braun was the force behind pushing America into the space age. Just as he had been interested in pushing Nazi Germany into the space age. He had knowledge of various experimental aircraft the Germans had been developing.

There was one experimental craft that could have provided reports of a 15-foot egg shape that had been retrieved after the crash and stored at Roswell Air Base. It's official name was the Bachem B-349 A1. Or, the Natter. It was an interceptor class of aircraft.

It was designed with a separate pod that was completely armoured. Originally, it had been launched from a ramp, flown almost straight up to meet oncoming aircraft. It was control by ground-to-air radar. When the enemy was sighted, the pilot took over flying the craft within a few yards and then released a battery of

rockets. After release of the rockets, the pilot unharnessed himself, leaned forward and pulled a lever which detached the nose from the rest of the aircraft. Pulling on a second lever released a large drogue parachute.

The Natter could reach 7 1/2 miles altitude, the maximum speed in level flight was 500 mph with a range of approximately 25 miles. During a test of the Natter, done by the Germans during World War II, it reached 1600 feet, the cockpit cover flew off with the headrest. The craft then heeled over on its back and went into a flat spin smashing headlong into the ground. Both the occupant and the plane ended up mere fragments.

Despite this accident, Von Braun must have thought the Natter was a viable plane. It eventually became a jet fighter. It utilized a HWK 109-533 bi-fuel rocket unit engine along with jettisonable Schmidding 109-533 rockets during the booster stage. Other specs of the Natter: vertical trajectory: 3200 feet; maximum climb rate: 27,400 feet a minute. To meet Von Braun's project standard, the NACA engineers must have been asked to redesign the Natter nose cone without the missiles.

It was primary a cheap frame on which to test engines - basically a two stage rocket.

BODIES?

As for the possibility of bodies of victims of a crash? In Nick Redfern's book, *Body Snatchers in the Desert*, Redfern suggests that the bodies associated with the Foster Ranch debris site looked Japanese. The rancher's daughter has stated that her father told her that he had found "alien" bodies. The 1940s American public used the term aliens when referring to foreigners.

If there was a NACA project, Dr. Lovelace would have been another go-to individual. Lovelace had been a flight surgeon at Wright Air Base during World War II. He had a clinic in Albuquerque. His clinic eventually trained women astronauts. Lovelace thought the slight build of human females was better suited to

upper atmosphere flight.

Another category of humans suitable for space travel was Japanese-American males. Lovelace could have had access to Japanese-American citizens (Kobe) who had been incarcerated in a secret internment camp at Fort Stanton, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

There is no record of what happened to the Kobe when the camp was closed. These American citizens had been considered "troublemakers" and isolated from the rest of the incarcerated population. They had belonged to Hock Seine Dan (Young Men's Association to Serve the Nation), and because of their daily calisthenic program were in top physical condition. Might Dr. Lovelace come forward with an offer they couldn't refuse? A way to volunteer for an experiment, prove they were loyal Americans and be repatriated back into the American society? Did Kobe ex-internees participate in an experiment involving the Natter?

For the sake of argument, let's say that Lovelace decided to use the Kobe ex-internees. They would have been trained by Dr. Lovelace at his facility in Albuquerque. The Alamogordo launch was successful. However, much like the problem with the modern day stealth aircraft, it had never been tested in stormy conditions and its performance would not have been known.

The test flight encountered a quickly forming New Mexican thunderstorm. The pilot may or may not have been able to eject the pod from the rest of the plane. The unspent rocket fuel exploded and the flight crashed.

It is possible to test the above scenario, and discover what crashed at the Foster Ranch. A recent archaeological dig took place at the debris site by Dr. William Doleman of the University of Mexico, Albuquerque. His full report is contained in the book *Roswell Dig*. Dr. Doleman suggested that several of the artefacts be further analyzed. Especially, the chemically altered collected soil samples. This has never been done. We have to wonder why nobody is interested in either supporting or dispelling the myth of Roswell.

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CROP CIRCLES AND CONSCIOUSNESS

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Crop Circles and Consciousness: An Overview

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When Colin and I met in 1991, we were overwhelmed with 'high strangeness' events that seemed to be a sign of our connection. We found ourselves inundated with synchronicity and anomalous happenings resulting in expansion of awareness for both of us. It focused us on the impact crop circles have on consciousness, a study that became the center of the work we do together.

Here is an overview of ideas we have encountered.

Background

Crop circles have been associated with anomalies since the phenomenon was first recorded in the 15 and 1600s. Anomalies associated with today's circles include: electromagnetic effects, radio and equipment interference, observance of balls of light moving in and around the formations, changes in plant growth rates, changes in the

cellular structure of plants, strange animal behavior around the circles, and human experiences of healing and altered states of consciousness. In addition, a high pitched, two-toned sound has been heard on several occasions and recorded twice.

The sound is 5.2 kilohertz and has been described as an electrostatic crackling¹. It's postulated that the anomalies are all different manifestations of an energy phenomenon related to the crop circles that correlates to higher levels of human consciousness. It's interesting to note that anomalies happen regardless of whether a crop circle is man-made or made by an unknown source.

Exploring conscious- ness

Claims of healing and altered states of consciousness relating to

crop circles are pervasive. People visiting formations report curative experiences including rapid healing of injuries, improvement in chronic conditions, and an increased sense of well-being and euphoria. Several companies specializing in energy healing have used crop circle photographs or plants from the circles to make vibrational essences and other healing tools².

The Institute for Resonance Therapy (I.R.T.) in Germany conducted controlled research studies into the effects of crop circles on the health of



plants and eco-systems with extremely positive result³.

Altered states consist of heightened awareness, trance induction, intensification of emotions, and clarity of perception. Emotions can include awe, inspiration, sadness, upliftment, and ecstasy. Simply viewing crop circle photographs or hearing the recorded sound can provoke these same effects.

Researchers and observers also report an interactive engagement with the phenomenon.

Mental projection of designs by researchers and enthusiasts seems to elicit a response in the fields. On several occasions the appearances of specific designs have correlated to individual or group meditations on designs. People also describe having dreams or visions of crop designs which shortly after appear in the fields.

Another aspect of interaction occurs with the balls of light that have been seen and filmed in and around crop circles. They display an element of awareness and interaction as they appear to move intelligently in response to human thought.

Circles Phenomenon Research International (C.P.R.I.) and Masahiro Kahata conducted research into the effects of crop circles on brainwave patterns which are characteristic of different states of awareness⁴.

Additionally, C.P.R.I. has studied the electromagnetic signature of crop circles and their possible correlations to anomalous effects⁵.

Theoretical Framework:

Theories on how crop circles may affect and interact with physiology, mind states and consciousness may include some aspect of all of the following:

1) **Placebo effect:** This has become a catchall for any physiological effect that cannot be ascribed to a specific mechanistic pathway.

Recent research suggests that the placebo effect actually represents the

power of the mind to activate specific physiological mechanisms simply through the intention or belief of the recipient⁶.

This indicates that the mind can directly interact with the cellular intelligence of our bodies, a belief that was present in traditional forms of healing but absent from models of modern medicine.

2) **Sound:** Research by Dr. Hans Jennings into the effect of sound demonstrates that sound vibrates matter into reproducible geometric patterns⁷. As energy is added into the matrix via sound, different geometries form to constrain the energy.

As the frequency changes, the geometries change. Consider this in relation to bond angles in molecular chemistry.

Bond angles change as energy levels are increased in order to absorb and constrain more energy. This causes the molecular structure and geometry to change as well. If enough energy is added, the bond angles break and the molecule disassociates.

The sound geometries demonstrated

by Hans Jennings change with different tones or combinations of tones and contain the 'energy information' of the sound frequency they represent.

Dr. Gerald Hawkins (deceased) analyzed crop patterns and determined that many of them displayed diatonic ratios in their geometries.

In essence he demonstrated that crop circles have a relationship to sound frequency, as predicted by the work of Jennings.

3) **Frequency:** Every substance and energy has a specific frequency signature. Mind states, specific thoughts and emotions all display signature frequencies.

Mapping frequency signatures has been in development by many people and agencies including the Royal Rife Society, Dr. Hulda Clark, New Vistas, Stan Tennon, Dan Winter, Bill Nelson and more.

Augmenting frequencies that relate to improved health or disrupting frequencies that relate to poor health are thought to produce beneficial effects.



Some of the effects of crop circles maybe related to the frequency they emit.

The frequency of crop circles can be imprinted on people in two basic ways. They can be imprinted into the person's subtle energy field through direct exposure, or they can be imprinted through a carrier substance such as water, a picture, electricity, microwaves, etc. A frequency can be imprinted on a carrier substance in the same way; by direct exposure to the frequency, or by exposure to the geometry or sound that represents the frequency. Examples of the effect of frequency on physical manifestation are demonstrated in the research of Masaro Emoto and revealed in his book, *Messages from Water*. In his book Dr. Emoto shows the different crystal structures that form in response to different thoughts and emotions.

4) Morphic fields: Research conducted in the 1950s at Yale University by Dr. Harold Saxton-Burr demonstrated that embryologi-

cal development is organized by a polarized field of electromagnetic bio-energy surrounding the embryo⁸.

This field acts as an energetic template of the developing material form. Burr called this a morphogenic field, or life-generating field.

British biologist Dr. Rupert Sheldrake, (Clare College, Cambridge and Harvard, Boston) furthered this theory to explain an anomaly of species evolution commonly called the '100th monkey' effect. Sheldrake postulates the existence of a morphic field that contains the combined developmental information collected by all the experiences of a given species. Members of a species have access to this information through resonance of their individual field with that of the group mind, or morphic field⁹.

In our discussion we can view information as frequency. New information changes the frequency of the field and when enough people experience this frequency, everyone

will have access to it causing a global change in consciousness.

5) Ley Lines: Alfred Watson discovered in the 1920s that the landscape was grided with crisscrossing lines that connected ancient sacred sites¹⁰. He named these ley lines and they are now believed to be pathways of Earth energy.

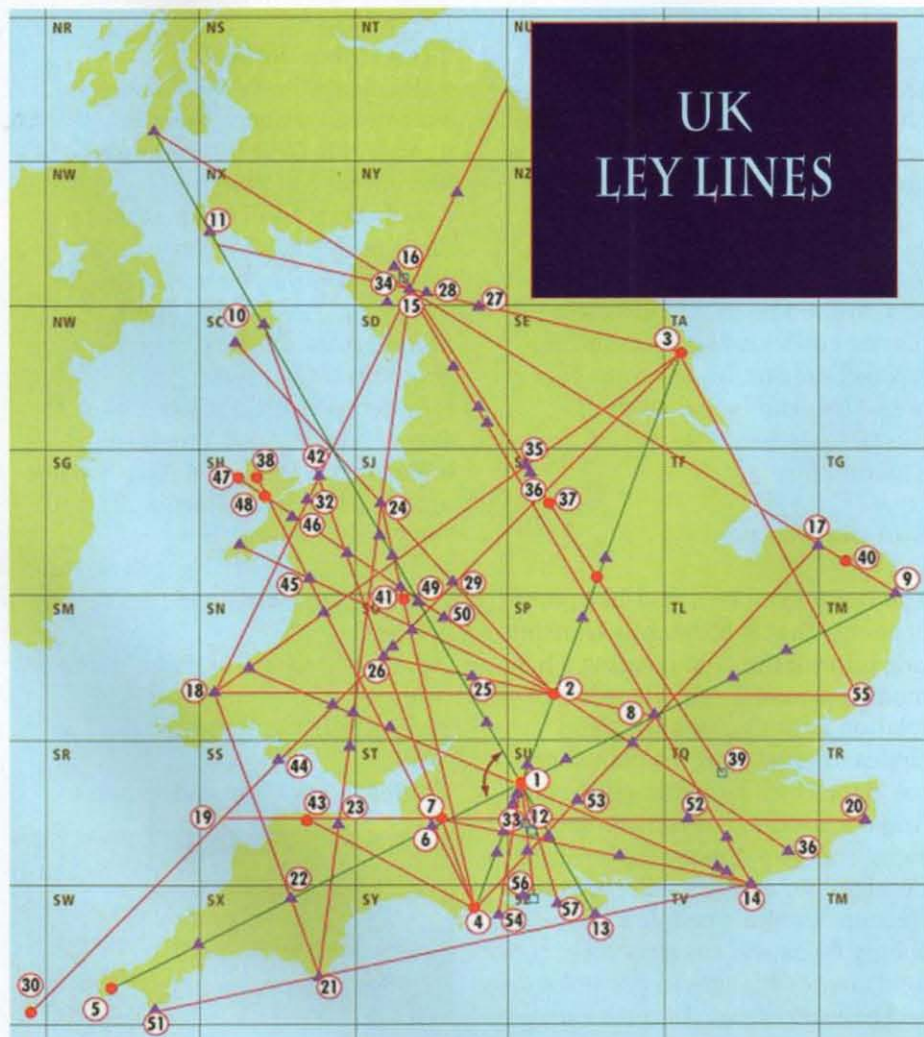
Energy sensitive individuals dowsse ley lines which they believe contain high levels of subtle energy, as do sacred sites. It's been postulated that sacred sites are positioned and constructed in such a way as to amplify and direct earth energy. Dr. Bruce Cathie has conducted scientific research into harmonic mathematics over the past 50 years. He has mapped out an energy grid covering the entire planet. Specific areas on this grid are convergence points for many energy lines and demonstrate higher amplitudes of electromagnetic and subtle energy¹¹.

England is one of 12 main convergence points on the planet. Not surprisingly, England has a large preponderance of ancient megalithic sacred sites and exhibits 90% of the crop circle phenomenon worldwide. In addition, a predominant number of crop formations appear in the landscape in relation to ley lines, water and sacred sites.

Research indicates that crop circles that are situated on strong ley lines have more associated anomalies than those that aren't.

6) Sacred Geometry: Paul Devereux writes in his book *Secret of Ancient and Sacred Places* that "Sacred geometry is the geometry inherent in all nature, whether it be the energy dance of atoms and molecules, the formation of a crystal, the growth of a plant or human skeleton, the motion of weather systems or galaxies. Certain patterns and ratios are used by nature in the formation of the manifest universe: the process of becoming is governed by the implied geometry. Such geometry is used in magical invocation for the same reasons." (page. 22)

Can it be that crop circles, in utilizing sacred geometry at energy centers, activate a heretofore-unmeasured



energy inherent in nature?

Can this be affecting consciousness?

This theory is already being utilized in California by Mr. Bill Witherspoon, who makes patterns in the landscape with the intention of changing the field of consciousness. (<http://artheals.org/inspiration/viewartist.php?aID=431>)

7) **Electromagnetic effects:** PSI researchers have found that incidences of telepathy, expanded states of consciousness, and paranormal events are often associated with fluxes of electromagnetic fields.

Magnetometer readings inside crop circles indicate a rotational shift in the earth's magnetic field corresponding to the geometry of the formation.

8) **Harmonic Resonance:** The Earth produces a frequency averaging approximately 5.8 to 7.2 kilohertz, known as the Schumann frequency. Physics tells us that this frequency entrains the vibration of all matter on earth. Everything on earth has relationship to the vibratory pattern of the planet. The harmonic resonance of the planet has been impacted in potentially harmful ways by such experiments as the Woodpecker in Europe and Harp in North America.

Crop circles may also interact with the harmonic resonance of the planet in a beneficial manner by introducing frequency into the planet's energy gridwork and atmospheric field.

9) **The Global Consciousness Project:** The G.C.P. is an experiment being conducted at Princeton University. It reveals that shifts in human consciousness precede significant world events, indicating a link between mind and matter on a global basis. Some significant events include the collapse of the Berlin Wall, Princess Diana's death and the 9/11 terrorists attacks on the world trade center.

Research conducted by the Global Consciousness Project and crop circle researchers Simeon Hines and Ron Russell have produced signifi-

cant results.
(<http://noosphere.princeton.edu/>)

Conclusion:

Considering these many areas in relation to crop circles we can speculate that:

1) Crop circles emit frequency specific to their geometric pattern. The frequency effects individual physiology, mind-states and levels of consciousness.

2) The effects of crop circle frequencies are magnified when crop circles are located on ley lines.

3) Crop circles have relationship to fluxes in the earth's electromagnetic field and demonstrate an electromagnetic signature.

4) Crop circle frequencies impact the human energy field. Changes in the human energy field are transmitted to the physical body effecting physiology and states of consciousness.

This may be measurable with Kirlian based video cameras and brainwave monitoring equipment.

5) Changes in human frequency effect planetary frequency and Vice-versa. Crop circle frequencies transmit information along ley lines.

6) The interactive element of both the crop circles and the orbs of light seen around them, are indicative of human consciousness establishing connection with higher consciousness. This can be linked to the Global Consciousness experiments.

Summary:

The Earth exhibits a grid-like pattern of energy that is constantly transmitting information and creating a harmonic resonance. All life exists in relation to this resonance. Crop circles interact with the planetary resonance by augmenting different frequencies that are transmitted along energy pathways, or ley lines. Coming into contact with crop circle frequencies alters people's individual energy fields and the altering of their field creates changes in physiology and consciousness. As consciousness

changes, the information is fed back into the planetary field, creating a feedback loop and furthering the changes taking place in the harmonic resonance.

It makes no difference whether the circles are man-made or made by unknown agencies.

Objective

Colin and I will be investigating, researching and eliciting opinions from the best minds in many fields to illuminate the above topics. We'll be conducting field experiments as we obtain funding. In the meantime, check back for articles we'll post on past research we've conducted in this area.

The next article will be on brainwave research performed with Masahiro Kahata (<http://web.mac.com/mkahata/PsychicLabInc/HOME.html>).

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As reported earlier in this issue, UFOs are making the news and we are seeing an upturn in actual images captured at the time of these encounter.

Although our header shows a model the way things are moving it won't be long before images like this are captured for all to see.

Steve Johnson reports...

September saw several news stories appear about UFO photographs. The most notable of these concerned perhaps the most famous UFO images of all: the Trent photographs.

KATU Television in Portland, Oregon, reported that the family of Paul Trent, the farmer who snapped two photos of a disc-shaped object as it flew over his McMinnville farm in 1950, are battling to retrieve the negatives from the local newspaper, the *McMinnville News-Register*.

KATU News explained:

"The story of how this fight developed begins on the Trent Farm more than 50 years ago.

"Evelyn Trent was feeding rabbits, saw something strange in the sky and hollered for her husband, who grabbed his camera and started shooting. And then the saucer was gone.

"The photos were printed in the local newspaper, which sold thousands of

copies across the country."

Jeb Bladine, son of then-editor of the *News-Register*, Phil Bladine, said: "We maintain our belief that the negatives should become part of a permanent historic display in Yamhill County."

When the Trents died in the mid-1990s, their daughter, Linda Sayler, tried to find out where the negatives were. She discovered that they were in the hands of renowned UFO investigator, Bruce Maccabee. He had borrowed them from Paul Trent (via Phil Bladine) in 1974 and has simply forgotten to return them. After being contacted by Linda, he forwarded them to the *News-Register*, thinking it better that they send them on to their rightful owners. Unfortunately, they have held on to them since

receiving the negatives in 2001.

KATU explained:

"The fact that Bladine had the negatives to lend is the crux of why the newspaper now wants to keep them.

"The newspaper argues in a letter sent to the family in 2004 that Paul Trent left the negatives in Bladine's hands "with the indication that he wanted nothing more to do with them."

"The letter states the newspaper "believes that the negatives should become part of a permanent historic display in Yamhill County, with a mediated settlement as to access and other rights."

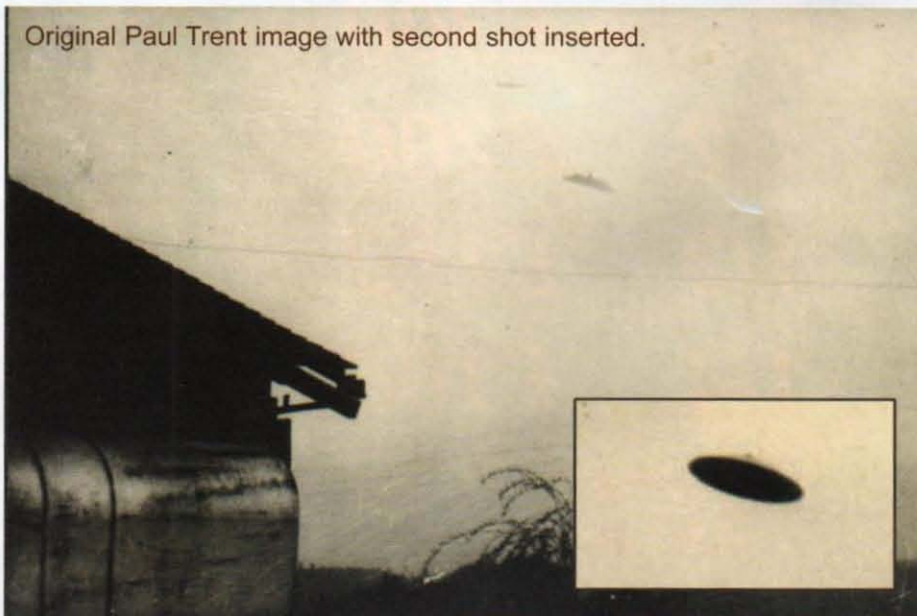
"That's even after Maccabee made it clear in an e-mail that he "sent the negatives to Phil Bladine under the assumption that he would return the photos to the Trent children" and they should be returned to the family.

"The Trents' children are clearly the rightful owners since Mr. and Mrs. Trent never signed any documents giving the rights to anyone else," Maccabee told KATU.

"The Trent children said they don't have money to file a lawsuit and feel it is wrong to be forced to negotiate over something they feel clearly belongs to the family.

"We're not going to take them and try to make millions off them," said

Original Paul Trent image with second shot inserted.



daughter Tammie Gochenour. "We just want to put them in like a safety deposit box, and have them locked up so we know where they're at."

"It's just something that belongs with the family," daughter Linda Sayler said."



On September 11th, the *Louth Leader* ran a story about a UFO, together with an intriguing photograph.

In May, 2007, Brian Rust took a photo of a rainbow from his back garden. "It was around 8.30pm in the evening and I saw this beautiful rainbow outside so I went to the garage to get my camera and took several photographs of it," he told

the newspaper. "But it wasn't until I looked at the developed pictures that I saw this strange saucer-shaped light. It even appears to have light trails coming off the back of it.

"I obviously didn't see any lights or flying saucers with my own eyes - but the camera obviously saw something."

On September 15th, UFOCase book.com posted a report from Milton Dino Frank Junior, of Centro de Ufologia Brasileiro:

"The name of the person who took this picture is Marcelo Leonardo. He lives in Campinas, Brazil. Take a look in this picture taken in Santa Catarina, Brazil in Urubici Hills.

"The object has a boomerang shape when you blow up the picture. The guy who took the picture told me this:

"I was on vacation in Urubici Hills in Santa Catarina State in Brazil. This picture was taken near CIN-DACTA base. In this picture there appeared a strange object that I could not identify.

"I used a PANASONIC camera DMC-TZ1 and I really would like to know what this object could be."

The September 5th edition of the *Shields Gazette* published a photo of a bright object over South Shields. Laurence Younger was driving home when he saw something peculiar in the sky. He told the newspaper: "I was in the car when I noticed the lights. There was about six of them, all orange.

"They were evenly spaced out into a kind of arc shape. They were so bright and there was no chance it could have been distress flares, because they were over the land not the sea."

A keen amateur astronomer, Laurence is familiar with most objects in the sky, both natural and man-made, but what he saw that evening. He said, "They certainly were unidentifiable because I couldn't explain what they were, but as to whether they were of the extra terrestrial kind. Well that remains to be seen.

"I just wish I'd had my camera with me that night."

Luckily, Cindy Jonas did have her camera to hand when she spotted something earlier the same day.

"I couldn't believe it. There was this bright light in the sky. It was whizzing along so quickly. It was so



Urubici Hills in Santa Catarina State in Brazil



strange because it was only about 4pm and broad daylight."

She took a couple of photos and when she viewed them later, she said, "I zoomed in and the light is kind of square and it appears to have a diagonal black line through it, it's very strange."

UFO DATA Magazine contributor, Mike Hallowell, told the *Gazette*: "The photos are very interesting. Initial impressions indicate it's not a balloon, nor a reflection of light from an aircraft. It appears to be a classic daylight UFO, and if you look closely enough, there's a hint it could be triangular shaped."

"There have been an increased number of sightings of these over the years."

Inspector Peter Sutton of Northumbria Police had this to say: "I can confirm we received two reports from residents in the Whitburn area of around 60 to 70 orange lights in the air, travelling from the south to the north."

"We contacted air traffic control, and they had no reports of aircraft in the area. We had no further sightings, and the case was closed."

Finally, a local Pontefract resident was out in the garden taking in some of the late summer sunshine, when a



13th September 2008 15:50hrs
Pontefract, West Yorkshire.

formation of lights caught his eye. The objects were quite difficult to see against the bright afternoon sky, but as they crossed the clouds their definition became more obvious.

Armed with a Trust phone with a reasonable built-in camera, our witness managed to capture what he saw with the phone.

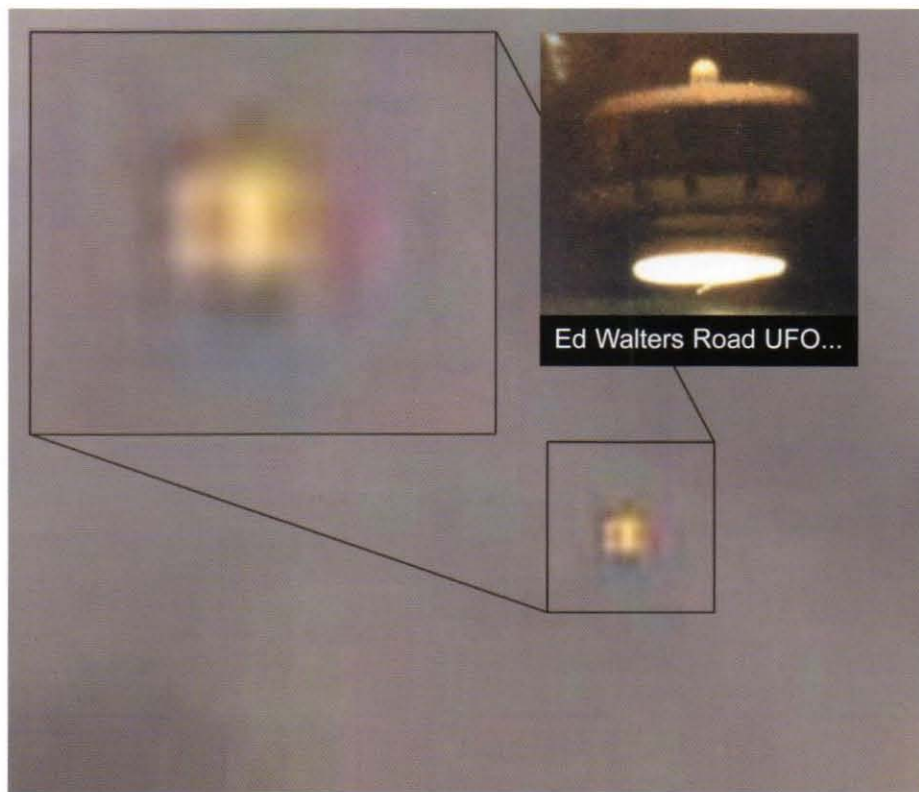
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Bright UFO Filmed over Watford

On Tuesday September 16th, 2008, the Watford Observer published a story on its website about a UFO

sighting over Mill End, a little over four miles from Watford, at about 7:30pm on the 15th. What made this story stand out is that the object in question was captured on camera not once, but three times. The videos were posted on the Observer website.

Andrew Baskeyfield was reported as saying, "There was a ball like shape moving fast across the sky. It looked like a fire ball. It had no sound and kept at a steady height."

"There were planes in the sky at the same time and you could see this wasn't a helicopter or plane as there were no landing lights."

The footage is intriguing. It shows a bright object gliding across the sky, but it does not look like a lantern or other type of balloon. Was this a genuine UFO or simply something mundane catching the last rays of the setting sun? Whatever it was, it was interesting enough for at least three people to film it and send it in to the local newspaper.

Steve Johnson.

Strange how some UFOs are similar to each other. I could not help but notice how this UFO looked similar to Ed Walters famous road shot. Thought by many however to be a fake.

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REPORT ON THE 07 07 07 EAST FIELD CROP CIRCLE "Oh To Catch A Circlemaker"

Who was to know that for over 15 years UFO researcher Win Keech had been using specialised cameras to scan the Wiltshire Fields to catch the complex circles being formed. After a Flash of light, Win and co-witness Gary King were amazed at the appearance of a massive 1000ft by 500ft formation, in Wiltshire's famous "East Field"

With initial video analyses made public at the Press Conference the controversy and many strange events were compiled in this detailed investigation into the events of that summer.

Underground Video(UK) producer Miles Johnston brings both sides together for the first time, in this fascinating debate.

A full Terabyte of hard drive data was destroyed, by forces who did not want this report to be made, so at last it is available to the wider public for the first time.

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